

Fibre-reactive dyes, their preparation and their use

The present invention relates to fibre-reactive dyes, to a process for their preparation and to their use in the dyeing or printing of textile fibre materials.

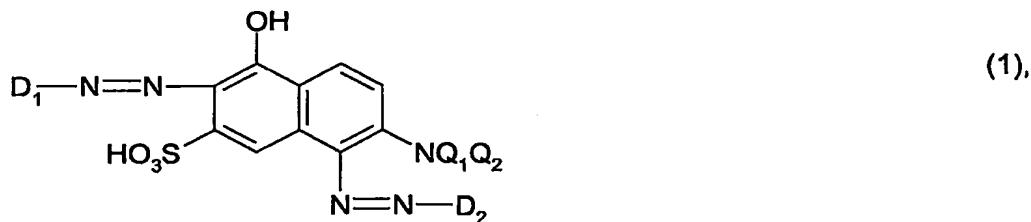
The practice of dyeing using reactive dyes has recently led to higher demands being made on the quality of the dyeings and the economic efficiency of the dyeing process. As a result, there continues to be a need for novel reactive dyes having improved properties, especially in respect of their application.

Dyeing nowadays requires reactive dyes that have sufficient substantivity and at the same time have good ease of washing off of unfixed dye. They should also have a good colour yield and high reactivity, the objective being to provide especially dyeings having high degrees of fixing. The known dyes do not satisfy these requirements in all properties.

The problem underlying the present invention is accordingly to find, for the dyeing and printing of fibre materials, novel improved reactive dyes having the qualities characterised above to a high degree. The novel dyes should especially be distinguished by high fixing yields and high fibre-dye bond stabilities, and in addition it should be possible for dye not fixed to the fibre to be washed off readily. The dyes should also yield dyeings having good allround fastness properties, for example fastness to light and to wetting.

It has been found that the problem posed is largely solved by the novel dyes defined hereinbelow.

The present invention therefore relates to reactive dyes of formula



wherein

- 2 -

Q_1 and Q_2 are each independently of the other hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl,

D_1 is the radical of a diazo component, which is itself a mono- or dis-azo dye or contains such a dye,

D_2 has the same definition as D_1 or is a radical of formula



wherein

$(Q_3)_{0-3}$ denotes from 0 to 3 identical or different substituents selected from the group halogen, $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl, $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkoxy, carboxy and sulfo and

Z_1 is a radical of formula

$-\text{SO}_2\text{Y}$ (3a),

$-\text{NH}-\text{CO}-(\text{CH}_2)_m-\text{SO}_2\text{Y}$ (3b),

$-\text{CONH}-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{SO}_2\text{Y}$ (3c),

$-\text{NH}-\text{CO}-\text{CH}(\text{Hal})-\text{CH}_2\text{-Hal}$ (3d) or

$-\text{NH}-\text{CO}-\text{C}(\text{Hal})=\text{CH}_2$ (3e),

Y is vinyl or a $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-U}$ radical and U is a group that is removable under alkaline conditions,

m and n are each independently of the other the number 2, 3 or 4, and

Hal is halogen,

with the proviso that the dye of formula (1) does not contain a hydroxysulfonylmethyl group.

As $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl there come into consideration for Q_1 , Q_2 and Q_3 , each independently of the others, for example, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, isobutyl and tert-butyl, especially methyl and ethyl. The alkyl radicals Q_1 and Q_2 may be unsubstituted or may be substituted, for example, by hydroxy, sulfo, sulfato, cyano, carboxy, $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkoxy or by phenyl, preferably by hydroxy, sulfo, $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkoxy or by phenyl. The corresponding unsubstituted radicals are preferred.

- 3 -

Preferably, one of the radicals Q₁ and Q₂ is hydrogen and the other of the radicals Q₁ and Q₂ is one of the above-mentioned unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₄alkyl radicals.

Q₁ and Q₂ are especially preferably hydrogen.

As C₁-C₄alkoxy there come into consideration for Q₃, for example, methoxy, ethoxy, n-propoxy, isopropoxy, n-butoxy, isobutoxy and tert-butoxy, preferably methoxy and ethoxy and especially methoxy.

As halogen there come into consideration for Q₃, for example, fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine, preferably chlorine and bromine and especially chlorine.

Preferably, (Q₃)₀₋₃ denotes from 0 to 3 identical or different substituents selected from the group C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy and sulfo, especially methyl, methoxy and sulfo.

Hal is, for example, chlorine or bromine, especially bromine.

As leaving group U there come into consideration, for example, -Cl, -Br, -F, -OSO₃H, -SSO₃H, -OCO-CH₃, -OPO₃H₂, -OCO-C₆H₅, -OSO₂-C₁-C₄alkyl and -OSO₂-N(C₁-C₄alkyl)₂. U is preferably a group of formula -Cl, -OSO₃H, -SSO₃H, -OCO-CH₃, -OCO-C₆H₅ or -OPO₃H₂, especially -Cl or -OSO₃H and more especially -OSO₃H.

Examples of suitable radicals Y are accordingly vinyl, β-bromo- or β-chloro-ethyl, β-acetoxyethyl, β-benzoyloxyethyl, β-phosphatoethyl, β-sulfatoethyl and β-thiosulfatoethyl.

Preferably, Y is independently vinyl, β-chloroethyl or β-sulfatoethyl, especially vinyl or β-sulfatoethyl.

m and n are preferably each independently of the other the number 2 or 3.

m is especially preferably the number 3.

n is especially preferably the number 2.

Preferably, Z_1 is a radical of formula (3a), (3b) or (3c), especially of formula (3a) or (3c) and more especially of formula (3a), the variables having the definitions and preferred meanings given hereinabove.

As substituents of the radical D_1 , there come into consideration the substituents customary for azo dyes. The examples which follow may be mentioned: C_1 - C_4 alkyl, which is understood to include methyl, ethyl, n- and iso-propyl and n-, iso-, sec- and tert-butyl; C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, which is understood to include methoxy, ethoxy, n- and iso-propoxy and n-, iso-, sec- and tert-butoxy; hydroxy- C_1 - C_4 alkoxy; phenoxy; C_2 - C_6 alkanoylamino unsubstituted or substituted in the alkyl moiety by hydroxy or by C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, such as, for example, acetylamino, hydroxyacetyl-amino, methoxyacetylamino or propionylamino; benzoylamino unsubstituted or substituted in the phenyl moiety by hydroxy, sulfo, halogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl or by C_1 - C_4 alkoxy; C_1 - C_6 alkoxy-carbonylamino unsubstituted or substituted in the alkyl moiety by hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 alkyl or by C_1 - C_4 alkoxy; phenoxy carbonylamino unsubstituted or substituted in the phenyl moiety by hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 alkyl or by C_1 - C_4 alkoxy; amino; N - C_1 - C_4 alkyl- or N,N -di- C_1 - C_4 alkylamino unsubstituted or substituted in the alkyl moiety/moieties by hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, carboxy, cyano, halogen, sulfo, sulfato, phenyl or by sulfophenyl, such as, for example, methylamino, ethylamino, N,N -dimethylamino, N,N -diethylamino, β -cyanoethylamino, β -hydroxyethyl-amino, N,N -di- β -hydroxyethylamino, β -sulfoethylamino, γ -sulfo-n-propylamino, β -sulfato-ethylamino, N -ethyl- N -(3-sulfobenzyl)-amino, N -(β -sulfoethyl)- N -benzylamino; cyclohexyl-amino; N -phenylamino or N - C_1 - C_4 alkyl- N -phenylamino unsubstituted or substituted in the phenyl moiety by nitro, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, carboxy, halogen or by sulfo; C_1 - C_4 -alkoxycarbonyl, for example methoxy- or ethoxy-carbonyl; trifluoromethyl; nitro; cyano; halogen, which is generally understood to include, for example, fluorine, bromine and especially chlorine; ureido; hydroxy; carboxy; sulfo; sulfomethyl; carbamoyl; carbamido; sulfamoyl; N -phenylsulfamoyl or N - C_1 - C_4 alkyl- N -phenylsulfamoyl unsubstituted or substituted in the phenyl moiety by sulfo or by carboxy; methyl- or ethyl-sulfonyl; and C_1 - C_4 alkyl-sulfonylamino.

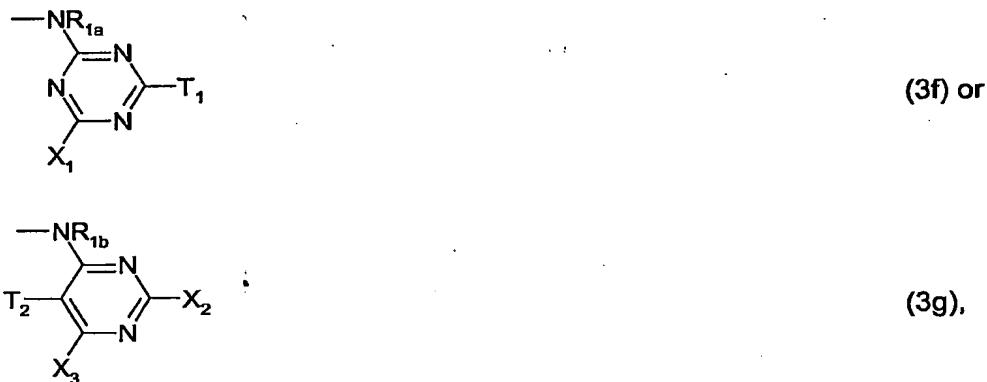
Fibre-reactive radicals are also suitable as substituents of the radical D_1 .

Fibre-reactive radicals, such as, for example, the above-mentioned radicals of formulae (3a) to (3e), are to be understood as being those which are capable of reacting with the hydroxy

- 5 -

groups of cellulose, with the amino, carboxy, hydroxy and thiol groups in wool and silk or with the amino groups and, possibly, with the carboxy groups of synthetic polyamides, to form covalent chemical bonds. The fibre-reactive radicals are generally bonded to the dye radical directly or by way of a bridging member. Suitable fibre-reactive radicals are, for example, those which contain at least one removable substituent at an aliphatic, aromatic or heterocyclic radical or in which the said radicals contain a radical suitable for reaction with the fibre material, for example a vinyl radical.

A fibre-reactive radical present in D₁ corresponds, for example, to the above formula (3a), (3b), (3c), (3d) or (3e) or to the formula



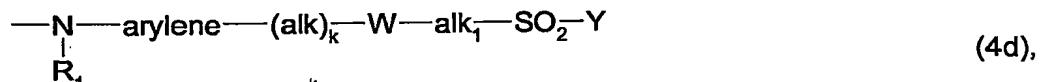
wherein

X₁ is halogen, 3-carboxypyridin-1-yl or 3-carbamoylpyridin-1-yl,

T₁ independently has the same definition as X₁, is a non-fibre-reactive substituent or is a fibre-reactive radical of formula



- 6 -



wherein

R_1 , R_{1a} and R_{1b} are each independently of the others hydrogen or $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_4$ alkyl,
 R_2 is hydrogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_4$ alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy, sulfo, sulfato, carboxy or



R_3 is hydrogen, hydroxy, sulfo, sulfato, carboxy, cyano, halogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_4$ alkoxycarbonyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_4$ -alkanoyloxy, carbamoyl or the group $-\text{SO}_2\text{---Y}$,

alk and alk_1 are each independently of the other linear or branched $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6$ alkylene,

arylene is a phenylene or naphthylene radical unsubstituted or substituted by sulfo, carboxy, $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_4$ alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_4$ alkoxy or by halogen,

Q is an $-\text{O-}$ or $-\text{NR}_1-$ radical wherein R_1 is as defined above,

W is a $-\text{SO}_2\text{-NR}_2-$, $-\text{CONR}_2-$ or $-\text{NR}_2\text{CO-}$ group, wherein R_2 is as defined above,

Y has the definition and preferred meanings given hereinabove,

Y_1 is a $-\text{CH}(\text{Hal})\text{-CH}_2\text{-Hal}$ or $-\text{C}(\text{Hal})=\text{CH}_2$ group and Hal has the definition and preferred meanings given hereinabove,

k is the number 0 or 1,

X_2 is halogen or $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_4$ alkylsulfonyl,

X_3 is halogen or $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_4$ alkyl and

T_2 is hydrogen, cyano or halogen.

R_1 , R_{1a} and R_{1b} are each independently of the others preferably hydrogen, methyl or ethyl and especially hydrogen.

R_2 is preferably hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl, such as, for example, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl or tert-butyl and especially hydrogen, methyl or ethyl. Especially preferably, R_2 is hydrogen.

R_3 is preferably hydrogen.

When T_1 is a non-fibre-reactive substituent it may be, for example, hydroxy; C_1 - C_4 alkoxy; C_1 - C_4 alkylthio unsubstituted or substituted, for example, by hydroxy, carboxy or by sulfo; amino; amino mono- or di-substituted by C_1 - C_8 alkyl, wherein the alkyl may itself be substituted, for example, by sulfo, sulfato, hydroxy, carboxy or by phenyl, especially by sulfo or by hydroxy, and may be interrupted one or more times by the radical -O-; cyclohexylamino; morpholino; N - C_1 - C_4 alkyl- N -phenylamino, phenylamino or naphthylamino, wherein the phenyl or naphthyl is unsubstituted or substituted, for example, by C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, C_2 - C_4 alkanoylamino, carboxy, sulfo or by halogen and the alkyl is unsubstituted or substituted, for example, by hydroxy, sulfo or by sulfato.

Examples of suitable non-fibre-reactive substituents T_1 are amino, methylamino, ethylamino, β -hydroxyethylamino, N -methyl- N - β -hydroxyethylamino, N -ethyl- N - β -hydroxyethylamino, N,N -di- β -hydroxyethylamino, β -sulfoethylamino, cyclohexylamino, morpholino, 2-, 3- or 4-chlorophenylamino, 2-, 3- or 4-methylphenylamino, 2-, 3- or 4-methoxyphenylamino, 2-, 3- or 4-sulfophenylamino, 2,5-disulfophenylamino, 2-, 3- or 4-carboxyphenylamino, 1- or 2-naphthylamino, 1-sulfo-2-naphthylamino, 4,8-disulfo-2-naphthylamino, N -ethyl- N -phenylamino, N -methyl- N -phenylamino, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or iso-propoxy and hydroxy.

As a non-fibre-reactive substituent, T_1 is preferably C_1 - C_4 alkoxy; C_1 - C_4 alkylthio unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy, carboxy or by sulfo; hydroxy; amino; N -mono- or N,N -di- C_1 - C_4 -alkylamino unsubstituted or substituted in the alkyl moiety/moieties by hydroxy, sulfato or by sulfo; morpholino; phenylamino unsubstituted or substituted on the phenyl ring by sulfo, carboxy, acetylamino, chlorine, methyl or by methoxy; or N - C_1 - C_4 alkyl- N -phenylamino unsubstituted or substituted on the phenyl ring in the same way as phenylamino and in which the alkyl is unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy, sulfo or by sulfato; or naphthylamino unsubstituted or substituted by from 1 to 3 sulfo groups.

Especially preferred non-fibre-reactive substituents T_1 are amino, N-methylamino, N-ethylamino, N- β -hydroxyethylamino, N-methyl-N- β -hydroxyethylamino, N-ethyl-N- β -hydroxyethylamino, N,N-di- β -hydroxyethylamino, β -sulfoethylamino, morpholino, 2-, 3- or 4-carboxyphenylamino, 2-, 3- or 4-sulfophenylamino, 2,5-disulfophenylamino and N-C₁-C₄-alkyl-N-phenylamino.

X_1 is preferably halogen, for example fluorine, chlorine or bromine and especially preferably chlorine or fluorine.

T_2 , X_2 and X_3 as halogen are, for example, fluorine, chlorine or bromine, especially chlorine or fluorine.

X_2 as C₁-C₄alkylsulfonyl is, for example, ethylsulfonyl or methylsulfonyl and especially methylsulfonyl.

X_3 as C₁-C₄alkyl is, for example, methyl, ethyl, n- or iso-propyl or n-, iso- or tert-butyl and especially methyl.

X_2 and X_3 are preferably each independently of the other chlorine or fluorine.

T_2 is preferably cyano or chlorine.

alk and alk₁ are each independently of the other, for example, a methylene, ethylene, 1,3-propylene, 1,4-butylene, 1,5-pentylene or 1,6-hexylene radical or a branched isomer thereof.

Preferably, alk and alk₁ are each independently of the other a C₁-C₄alkylene radical and especially preferably an ethylene radical or propylene radical.

arylene is preferably an unsubstituted or, for example, sulfo-, methyl-, methoxy- or carboxy-substituted 1,3- or 1,4-phenylene radical, and especially preferably an unsubstituted 1,3- or 1,4-phenylene radical.

Q is preferably -NH- or -O- and especially preferably -O-.

- 9 -

W is preferably a group of formula -CONH- or -NHCO-, especially a group of formula -CONH-.

k is preferably the number 0.

The reactive radicals of formulae (4a) to (4f) are preferably such radicals in which W is a group of formula -CONH-, R₁ is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl, R₂ and R₃ are each hydrogen, Q is the radical -O- or -NH-, alk and alk₁ are each independently of the other ethylene or propylene, arylene is phenylene unsubstituted or substituted by methyl, methoxy, carboxy or by sulfo, Y is vinyl or β-sulfatoethyl, Y₁ is -CHBr-CH₂Br or -CBr=CH₂ and k is the number 0.

A fibre-reactive radical present in D₁ preferably corresponds to a radical of the above formula (3a), (3b), (3c), (3d), (3e) or (3f), wherein Y is vinyl, β-chloroethyl or β-sulfatoethyl, Hal is bromine, R_{1a} is hydrogen, m and n are each independently of the other the number 2 or 3, X₁ is halogen, T₁ is C₁-C₄alkoxy; C₁-C₄alkylthio; hydroxy; amino; N-mono- or N,N-di-C₁-C₄alkyl-amino unsubstituted or substituted in the alkyl moiety/moieties by hydroxy, sulfato or by sulfo; morpholino; phenylamino or N-C₁-C₄alkyl-N-phenylamino unsubstituted or substituted on the phenyl ring by sulfo, carboxy, acetylarnino, chlorine, methyl or by methoxy, and in which the alkyl is unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy, sulfo or by sulfato; or naphthyl-amino unsubstituted or substituted by from 1 to 3 sulfo groups, or T₁ is a fibre-reactive radical of formula



- 10 -



especially (4c') or (4d'), wherein

$(R_4)_{0-2}$ denotes from 0 to 2 identical or different substituents from the group halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy and sulfo, preferably from the group C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy and sulfo and especially from the group methyl, methoxy and sulfo,

Y has the definition and preferred meanings given hereinabove, and

Y₁ is a -CH(Br)-CH₂-Br or -C(Br)=CH₂ group.

In the case of the radicals of formulae (4a') and (4b'), Y is preferably β -chloroethyl. In the case of the radicals of formulae (4c') and (4d'), Y is preferably vinyl or β -sulfatoethyl.

A preferred embodiment of the present invention relates to dyes wherein D₁ corresponds to a radical of formula

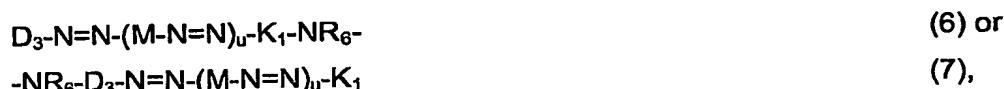


wherein

R₆ has the definition and preferred meanings given hereinabove for R₁, R_{1a} and R_{1b},

X₄ has the definition and preferred meanings given hereinabove for X₁, and is especially chlorine, and

T₃ is a monoazo- or disazo-amino radical of formula



wherein

- 11 -

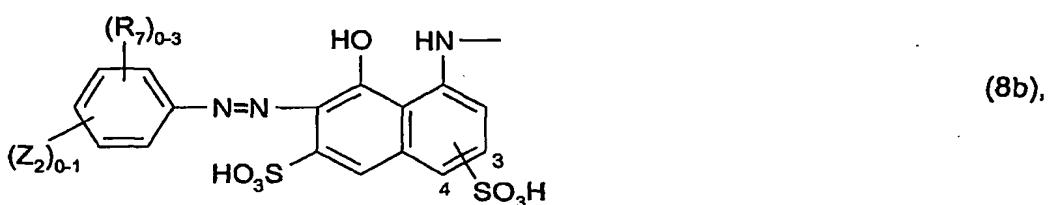
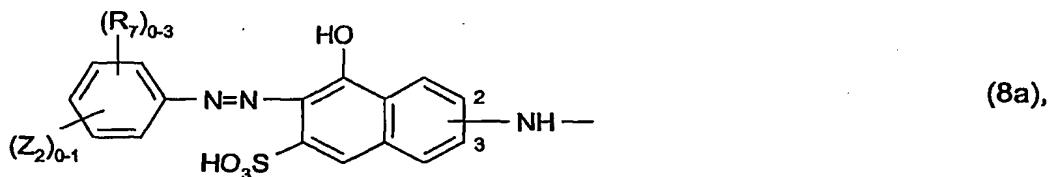
D_3 is the radical of a diazo component, of the benzene or naphthalene series, M is the radical of a middle component, of the benzene or naphthalene series, K_1 is the radical of a coupling component, of the benzene, naphthalene, pyrazolone, 6-hydroxypyridone-(2) or acetoacetic acid arylamide series, R_6 has the definition and preferred meanings given hereinabove for R_1 , R_{1a} and R_{1b} , and u is the number 0 or 1, wherein D_3 , M and K_1 may carry substituents customary for azo dyes.

The expression "substituents customary for azo dyes" is understood to include both fibre-reactive and non-fibre-reactive substituents, such as, for example, the substituents indicated above for D_1 .

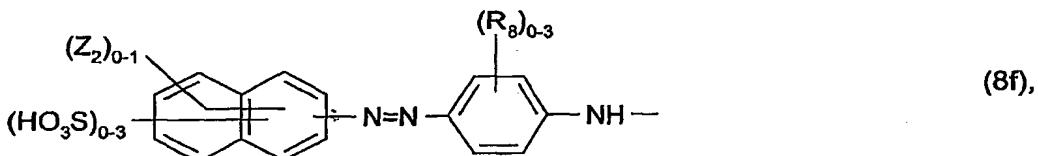
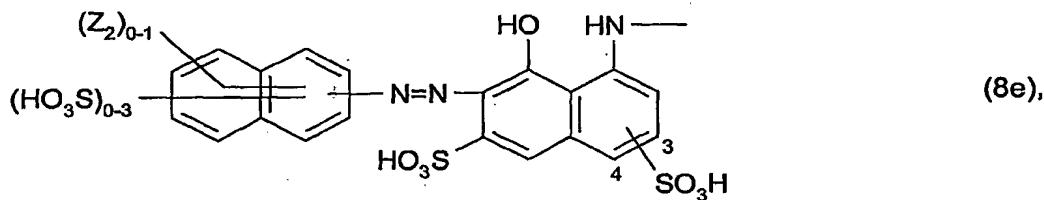
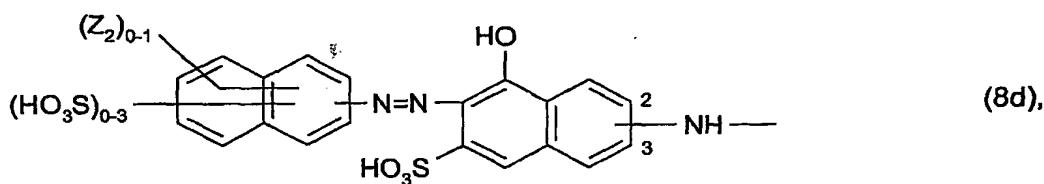
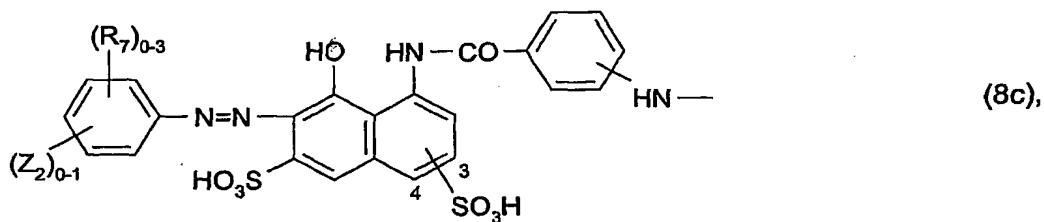
As non-fibre-reactive substituents for D_3 , M and K_1 in T_3 there come into consideration preferably C_1 - C_4 alkyl or C_1 - C_4 alkoxy each of which may themselves be substituted by hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, sulfo or by sulfato; halogen; carboxy; sulfo; nitro; cyano; trifluoromethyl; sulfamoyl; carbamoyl; amino; ureido; hydroxy; sulfomethyl; C_2 - C_4 alkanoylamino; C_1 - C_4 alkylsulfonylamino; benzoylamino unsubstituted or substituted on the phenyl ring by C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, halogen or by sulfo; and phenyl unsubstituted or substituted by C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, halogen, carboxy or by sulfo.

The monoazo- or disazo-amino radicals of formula (6) or (7) contain preferably at least one sulfo group.

Preferred monoazo- and disazo-amino radicals T_3 are the radicals of formulae



- 12 -

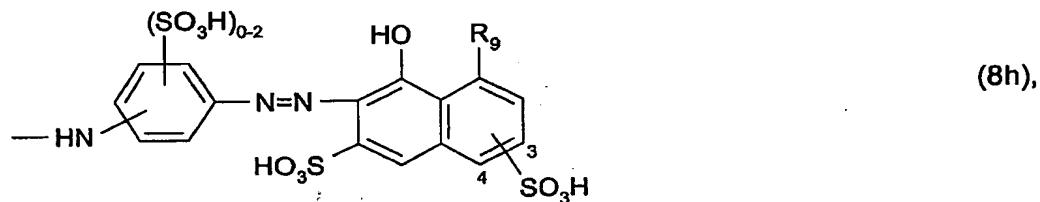
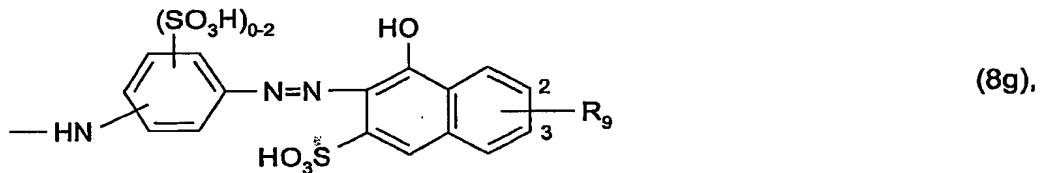


wherein $(R_7)_{0-3}$ denotes from 0 to 3 identical or different substituents from the group C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy, C₂-C₄alkanoylamino, halogen, carboxy and sulfo,

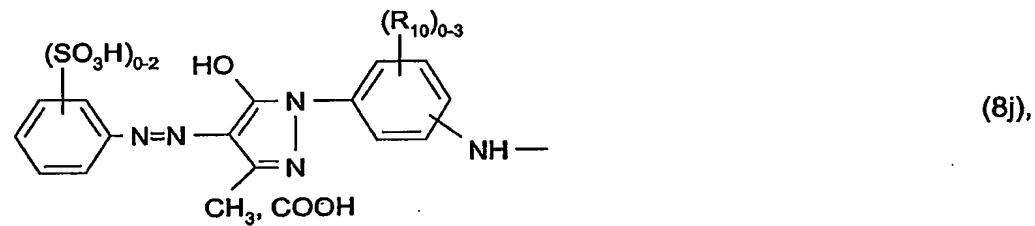
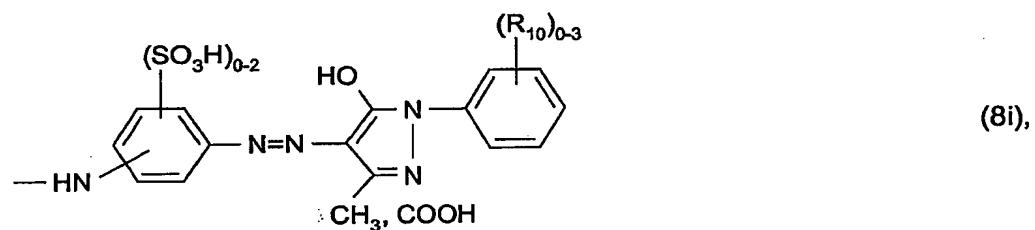
$(R_8)_{0-3}$ denotes from 0 to 3 identical or different substituents from the group halogen, nitro, cyano, trifluoromethyl, sulfamoyl, carbamoyl, C₁-C₄alkyl; C₁-C₄alkoxy unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy, sulfato or by C₁-C₄alkoxy; amino, C₂-C₄alkanoylamino, ureido, hydroxy, carboxy, sulfomethyl, C₁-C₄alkylsulfonylamino and sulfo, preferably from the group halogen, C₁-C₄alkyl; C₁-C₄alkoxy unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy, sulfato or by C₁-C₄alkoxy; amino, C₂-C₄alkanoylamino, ureido and sulfo, and

Z₂ is a radical of formula (3a), (3b), (3c), (3d), (3e) or (3f), preferably (3a), (3b), (3c), (3d) or (3e) and especially (3a), the mentioned fibre-reactive radicals having the definitions and preferred meanings given hereinabove,

- 13 -

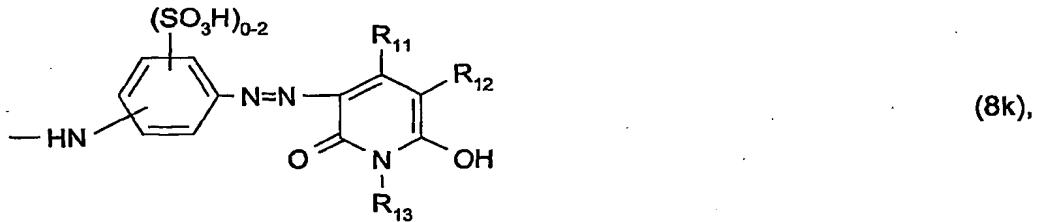


wherein R_9 is benzoylamino, C_2 - C_4 alkanoylamino, for example acetyl amino or propionylamino, or a radical of the above formula (3f), preferably C_2 - C_4 alkanoylamino or benzoylamino, R_{1a} , T_1 and X_1 in the radical of formula (3f) each having the definitions and preferred meanings given hereinabove,

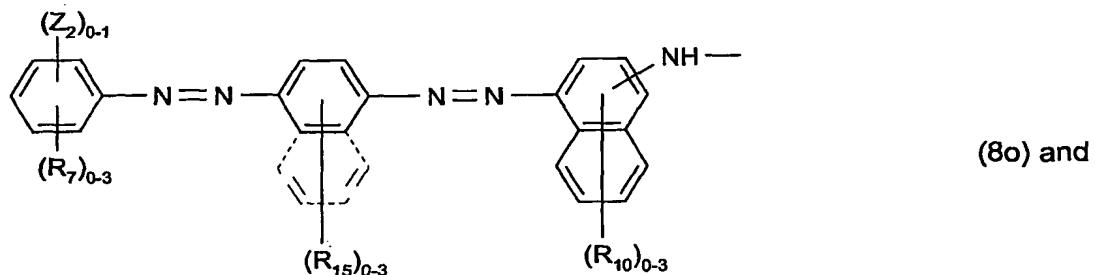
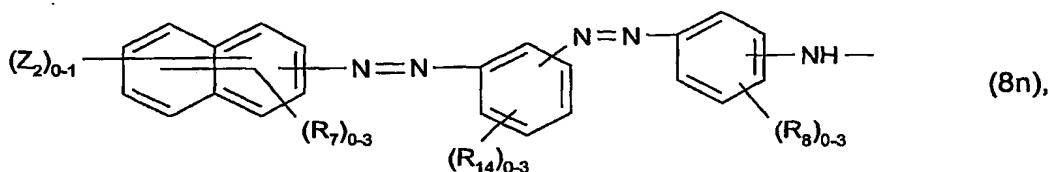
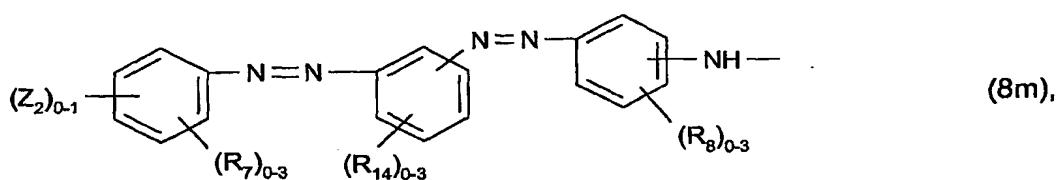
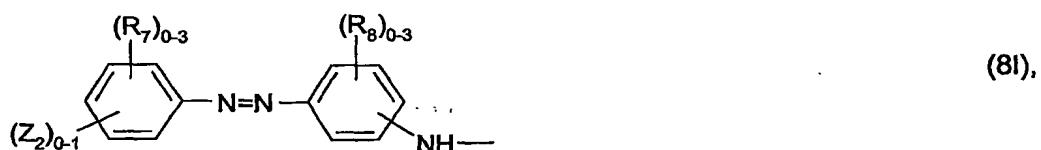


wherein $(R_{10})_{0-3}$ denotes from 0 to 3 identical or different substituents from the group C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, halogen, carboxy and sulfo,

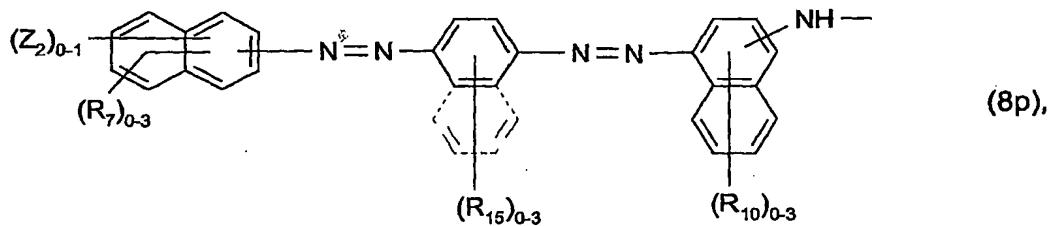
- 14 -



wherein R_{11} and R_{13} are each independently of the other hydrogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_4$ alkyl or phenyl, and R_{12} is hydrogen, cyano, carbamoyl or sulfomethyl,



- 15 -



wherein

$(R_7)_{0-3}$, $(R_8)_{0-3}$ and $(R_{10})_{0-3}$ each have the definitions and preferred meanings given hereinabove,

$(R_{14})_{0-3}$ and $(R_{15})_{0-3}$, each independently of the other, denotes from 0 to 3 identical or different substituents from the group C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy, halogen, carboxy and sulfo, and Z_2 has the definition and preferred meanings given hereinabove.

The numbers at the naphthyl rings of the radicals of formulae (8a), (8b), (8c), (8d), (8e), (8g) and (8h) indicate the preferred bonding positions.

The radicals $(R_7)_{0-3}$ in the disazoamino radicals of formulae (8n) and (8p) preferably denote from 0 to 3 sulfo groups.

In an embodiment of interest, Z_2 in the radicals of formulae (8a), (8b), (8c), (8d), (8e), (8f), (8i), (8m), (8n), (8o) and (8p) is hydrogen.

Especially preferred monoazo- and disazo-amino radicals T_3 are the radicals of formulae (8a), (8b), (8d), (8e), (8f), (8k) and (8m), especially (8b), (8e), (8k) and (8m).

In a further preferred embodiment of the present invention, D_1 is a radical of formula



preferably of formula (10), wherein D_4 is the radical of a diazo component, of the benzene or naphthalene series, K_2 is the radical of a coupling component, of the benzene, naphthalene, pyrazolone, 6-hydroxypyridone-(2) or acetoacetic acid arylamide series and K_3 is the radical of a coupling component, of the benzene or naphthalene series, wherein D_4 , K_2 and K_3 may carry substituents customary for azo dyes.

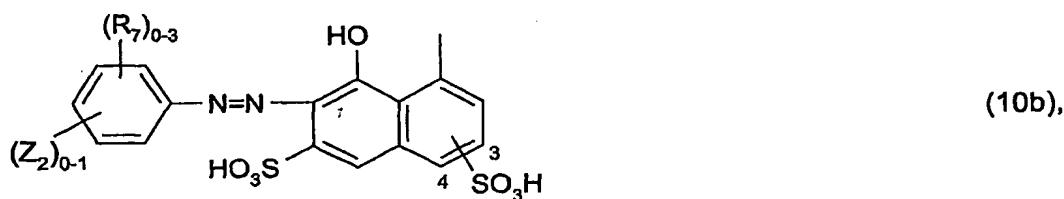
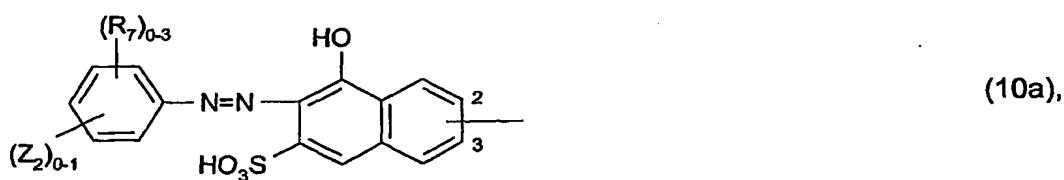
The expression "substituents customary for azo dyes" is understood to include both fibre-reactive and non-fibre-reactive substituents, such as, for example, the substituents indicated above for D₁.

As non-fibre-reactive substituents for D₄, K₂ and K₃ there come into consideration preferably C₁-C₄alkyl or C₁-C₄alkoxy each of which may themselves be substituted by hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, sulfo or by sulfato; halogen; carboxy; sulfo; nitro; cyano; trifluoromethyl; sulfamoyl; carbamoyl; amino; ureido; hydroxy; sulfomethyl; C₂-C₄alkanoylamino; C₁-C₄alkylsulfonyl-amino; benzoylamino unsubstituted or substituted on the phenyl ring by C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, halogen or by sulfo; and phenyl unsubstituted or substituted by C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, halogen, carboxy or by sulfo.

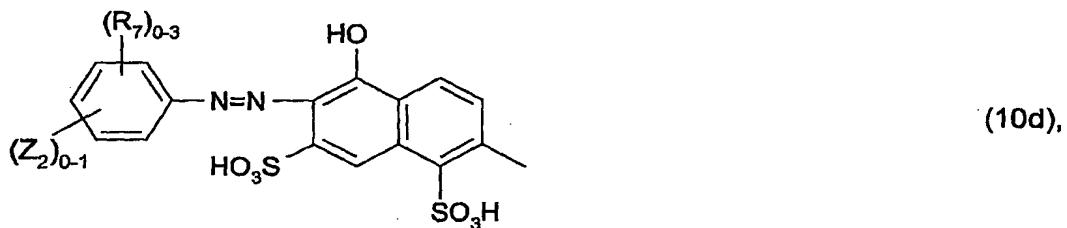
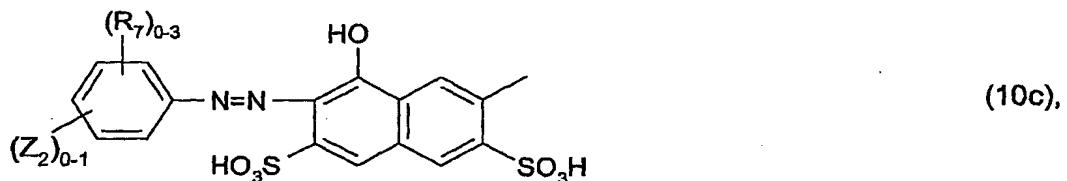
As fibre-reactive substituents for D₄, K₂ and K₃ there come into consideration preferably the radicals of formulae (3a), (3b), (3c), (3d), (3e) and (3f), especially (3a) and (3f) and more especially (3a), the said radicals having the definitions and preferred meanings given hereinabove. In an embodiment of interest, a radical of formula (3a) is preferred as fibre-reactive substituent for D₄ and a radical of formula (3f) is preferred as fibre-reactive substituent for K₃.

Monoazo radicals of formula (9) or (10) contain preferably at least one sulfo group.

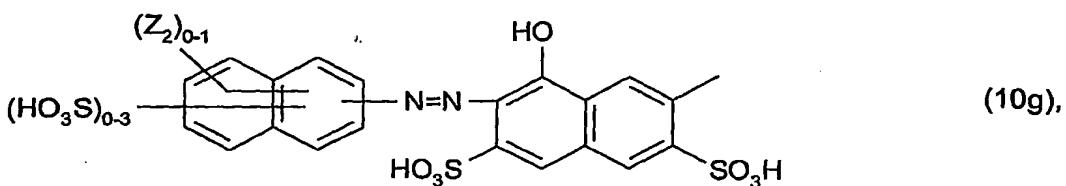
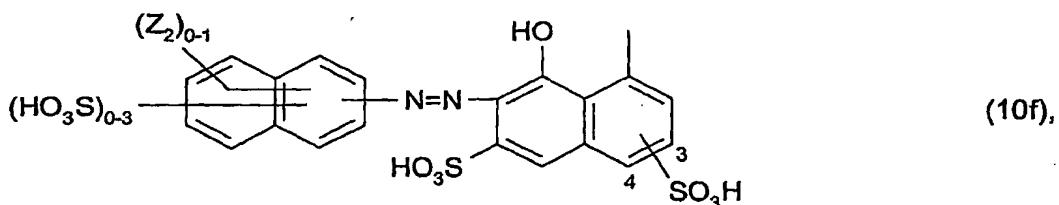
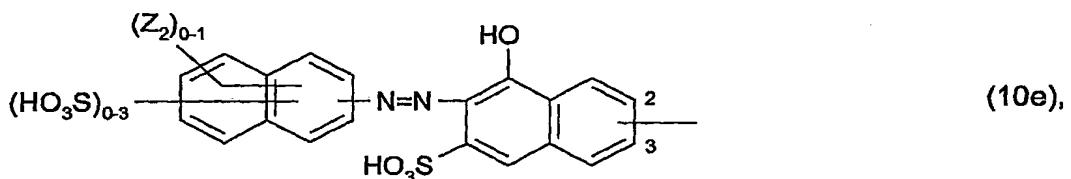
Preferred monoazo radicals D₁ of formula (10) correspond to the radicals of formulae



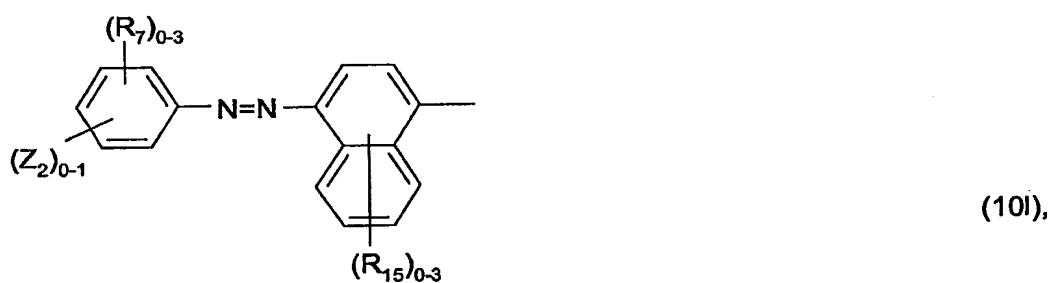
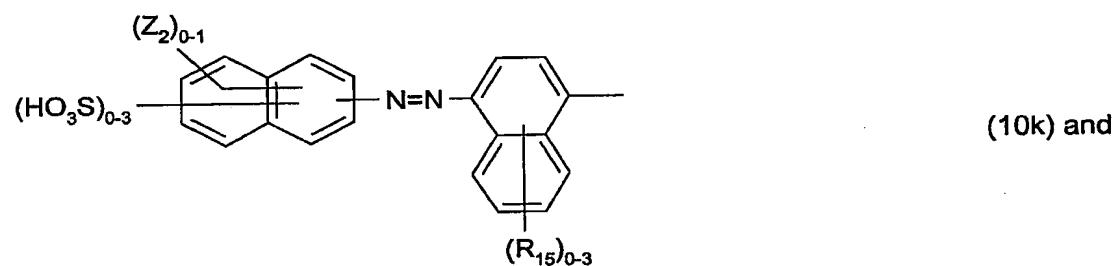
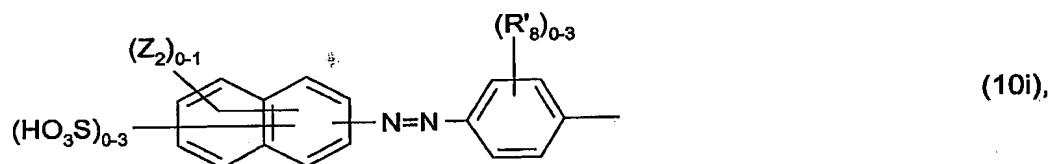
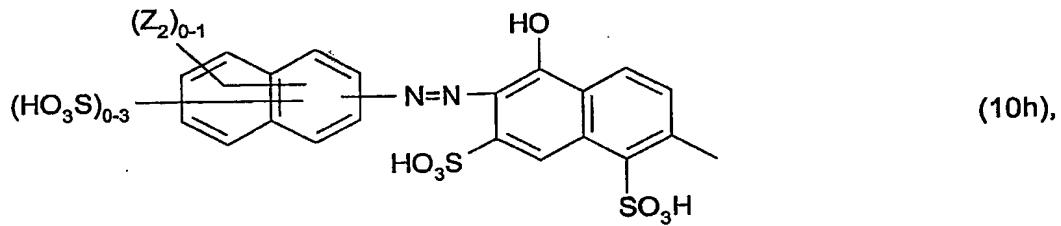
- 17 -



wherein $(R_7)_{0-3}$ denotes from 0 to 3 identical or different substituents from the group C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy, halogen, carboxy and sulfo and Z_2 is a fibre-reactive radical of formula (3a), (3c), (3d), (3e), (3f) or (3g); preferably (3a), (3c), (3d) or (3e) and especially (3a), wherein the said fibre-reactive radicals have the definitions and preferred meanings given hereinabove,



- 18 -



wherein $(R_7)_{0-3}$ is as defined hereinabove, $(R'_8)_{0-3}$ denotes from 0 to 3 identical or different substituents from the group halogen, nitro, cyano, trifluoromethyl, sulfamoyl, carbamoyl, C₁-C₄alkyl; C₁-C₄alkoxy unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy, sulfato or by C₁-C₄alkoxy; amino, C₂-C₄alkanoylamino, ureido, hydroxy, carboxy, sulfomethyl, C₁-C₄alkylsulfonylamino,

- 19 -

sulfo and a fibre-reactive radical of formula (3f), preferably from the group C₁-C₄alkyl; C₁₋₄alkoxy unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy, sulfato or by C₁-C₄alkoxy; amino, C₂-C₄alkanoylamino, ureido, sulfo and a fibre-reactive radical of formula (3f), wherein R_{1a}, T₁ and X₁ in the radical of formula (3f) have the definitions and preferred meanings given hereinabove, (R₁₅)₀₋₃ denotes from 0 to 3 identical or different substituents from the group C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy, halogen, carboxy and sulfo and is preferably sulfo, and Z₂ has the definition and preferred meanings given hereinabove.

The numbers at the naphthyl rings of the radicals of formulae (10a), (10b), (10e) and (10f) indicate the preferred bonding positions.

When R'₈ is a radical of formula (3f), then especially

R_{1a} is hydrogen,
T₁ is amino; N-mono- or N,N-di-C₁-C₄alkylamino unsubstituted or substituted in the alkyl moiety/mieties by hydroxy, sulfato or by sulfo; morpholino; phenylamino unsubstituted or substituted on the phenyl ring by sulfo, carboxy, acetylamino, chlorine, methyl or by methoxy; or N-C₁-C₄alkyl-N-phenylamino unsubstituted or substituted on the phenyl ring in the same way as phenylamino and in which alkyl is unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy, sulfo or by sulfato; or naphthylamino unsubstituted or substituted by from 1 to 3 sulfo groups, and
X₁ is chlorine.

As a radical of formula (10), D₁ is especially preferably a radical of formula (10i), (10j), (10k) or (10l), especially of formula (10j) or (10l).

Preferably, the radical D₁ corresponds to a radical of formula (5) or (11)



- 20 -



wherein

R_5 is hydrogen or $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl, preferably hydrogen, methyl or ethyl and especially hydrogen,
 $(R_7)_{0-3}$ denotes from 0 to 3 identical or different substituents selected from the group halogen,
 $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl, $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkoxy, $C_2\text{-}C_4$ alkanoylamino, carboxy and sulfo, preferably from the group
 $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl, $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkoxy, $C_2\text{-}C_4$ alkanoylamino and sulfo,

X_4 is fluorine or chlorine, preferably chlorine,

T_3 is a radical of the above formula (8a), (8b), (8d), (8e), (8f), (8k) or (8m), preferably (8b),
(8e), (8k) or (8m), wherein the variables have the definitions and preferred meanings given
hereinabove,

Z_2 is a fibre-reactive radical of the above formula (3a), (3c), (3d), (3e), (3f) or (3g), preferably
(3a), (3c), (3d) or (3e) and especially (3a), wherein the variables have the definitions and
preferred meanings given hereinabove, and

K_3 is the radical of a coupling component of formula



wherein

R'_8 is hydrogen, sulfo, or $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkoxy unsubstituted or substituted in the alkyl moiety by
hydroxy or by sulfato, and

R'_{8a} is hydrogen, $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl, $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkoxy, $C_2\text{-}C_4$ alkanoylamino, ureido or a radical of the
above formula (3f), preferably hydrogen, $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl, $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkoxy, $C_2\text{-}C_4$ alkanoylamino or

- 21 -

ureido, wherein R_{1a}, T₁ and X₁ in the radical of formula (3f) have the definitions and preferred meanings given hereinabove, and, especially,

R_{1a} is hydrogen,

T₁ is amino; N-mono- or N,N-di-C₁-C₄alkylamino unsubstituted or substituted in the alkyl moiety/moieties by hydroxy, sulfato or by sulfo; morpholino; phenylamino unsubstituted or substituted on the phenyl ring by sulfo, carboxy, acetylarnino, chlorine, methyl or by methoxy; or N-C₁-C₄alkyl-N-phenylamino unsubstituted or substituted on the phenyl ring in the same way as phenylamino and in which the alkyl is unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy, sulfo or by sulfato; or naphthylamino unsubstituted or substituted by from 1 to 3 sulfo groups, and

X₁ is chlorine.

There come into consideration as C₁-C₄alkyl for R₇ and R'_{8a}, each independently of the other, for example, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl and isobutyl, preferably methyl and ethyl and especially methyl.

There come into consideration as C₁-C₄alkoxy for R₇, R'₈ and R'_{8a}, each independently of the others, for example, methoxy, ethoxy, n-propoxy, isopropoxy, n-butoxy and isobutoxy, preferably methoxy and ethoxy. R₇ and R'_{8a} are especially methoxy. R'₈ is unsubstituted or may be substituted in the alkyl moiety by hydroxy or by sulfato.

There come into consideration as halogen for R₇, each independently of any other(s), for example, fluorine, chlorine and bromine, preferably chlorine and bromine and especially chlorine.

There come into consideration as C₂-C₄alkanoylamino for R₇ and R'_{8a}, for example, acetylarnino and propionylarnino, especially acetylarnino.

There comes into consideration as a radical of formula (3f) for R'_{8a} preferably a radical wherein

R_{1a} is hydrogen,

T₁ is amino; N-mono- or N,N-di-C₁-C₄alkylamino unsubstituted or substituted in the alkyl moiety/moieties by hydroxy, sulfato or by sulfo; morpholino; phenylamino or N-C₁-C₄alkyl-N-phenylamino unsubstituted or substituted on the phenyl ring by sulfo, carboxy, acetylarnino, chlorine, methyl or by methoxy and in which the alkyl is unsubstituted or substituted by

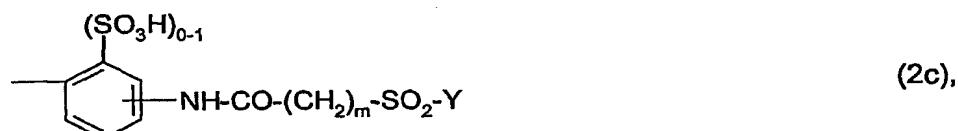
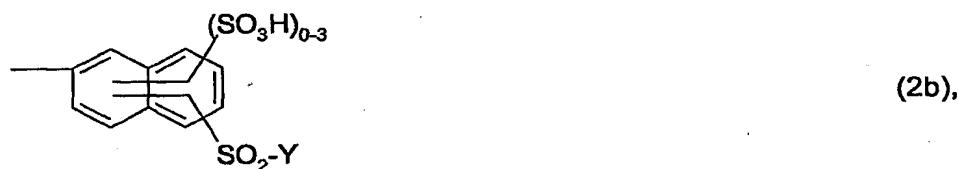
- 22 -

hydroxy, sulfo or by sulfato; or naphthylamino unsubstituted or substituted by from 1 to 3 sulfo groups, and

X_1 is fluorine or chlorine, preferably chlorine.

In an embodiment of interest, D_2 corresponds to a radical of formula (2), wherein $(Q_3)_{0-3}$ and Z_1 each have the definitions and preferred meanings given hereinabove.

Preferably, the radical D_2 corresponds to a radical of formula



wherein

$(R_3)_{0-2}$ denotes from 0 to 2 identical or different substituents selected from the group halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy and sulfo, preferably from the group methyl, methoxy and sulfo,
 Y_1 is a $-CH(Br)-CH_2-Br$ or $-C(Br)=CH_2$ group,

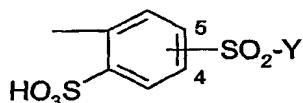
- 23 -

Y is vinyl or β -sulfatoethyl,

m is the number 2 or 3, preferably 2, and

n is the number 2 or 3, preferably 3.

Especially preferably, D₂ is a radical of the above formula (2a), (2b) or (2d), especially (2a); in an embodiment of interest the radical of formula (2a) is a radical of formula



(2aa),

wherein

Y is vinyl or β -sulfatoethyl, and

the numbers given in the formula indicate the possible bonding positions of -SO₂-Y, the 4-position being preferred.

A preferred embodiment of the present invention relates to reactive dyes of formula (1)

wherein

Q₁ and Q₂ are hydrogen,

D₁ corresponds to a radical of the above formula (5) or (11) wherein

R₅ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl, preferably hydrogen, methyl or ethyl and especially hydrogen,
(R₇)₀₋₃ denotes from 0 to 3 identical or different substituents selected from the group halogen, C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy, C₂-C₄alkanoylamino, carboxy and sulfo, preferably from the group C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy, C₂-C₄alkanoylamino and sulfo,

X₄ is fluorine or chlorine, preferably chlorine,

T₃ is a radical of the above formula (8a), (8b), (8d), (8e), (8f), (8k) or (8m), preferably (8b), (8e), (8k) or (8m), wherein the variables have the definitions and preferred meanings given hereinabove,

Z₂ is a fibre-reactive radical of the above formula (3a), (3c), (3d), (3e), (3f) or (3g), preferably (3a), (3c), (3d) or (3e) and especially (3a), wherein the variables have the definitions and preferred meanings given hereinabove, and

K₃ is the radical of a coupling component of the above formula (12a) or (12b) wherein

R'₈ is hydrogen, sulfo, or C₁-C₄alkoxy unsubstituted or substituted in the alkyl moiety by hydroxy or by sulfato, and

- 24 -

R'_{8a} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, C_2 - C_4 alkanoylamino, ureido or a radical of the above formula (3f), wherein R_{1a} , T_1 and X_1 in the radical of formula (3f) have the definitions and preferred meanings given hereinabove, and

D_2 is a radical of the above formula (2aa) wherein

Y is vinyl or β -sulfatoethyl, and

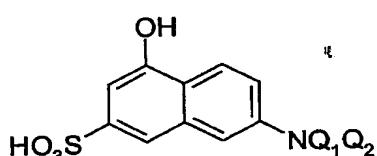
the numbers given in formula (2aa) indicate the possible bonding positions of $-SO_2-Y$, the 4-position being preferred.

The present invention relates also to a process for the preparation of dyes of formula (1) which comprises

- (i) diazotisation of approximately one molar equivalent of an amine of formula

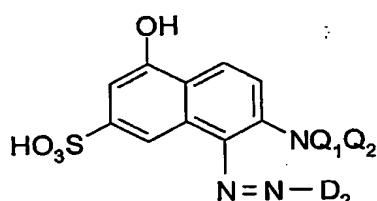


in customary manner and reaction with approximately one molar equivalent of a compound of formula



(14)

to form a compound of formula



(15a);

and

- (ii) diazotisation of approximately one molar equivalent of an amine of formula



- 25 -

in customary manner and reaction with approximately one molar equivalent of the compound of formula (15a) obtained according to (i) to form a compound of formula (1) wherein D₁, D₂, Q₁ and Q₂ each have the definitions and preferred meanings given hereinabove.

The diazotisation of the amines of formulae (13) and (16) is carried out in a manner known *per se*, for example using a nitrite, for example an alkali metal nitrite such as sodium nitrite, in a mineral acid medium, for example in a hydrochloric acid medium, at temperatures of, for example, from -5 to 40°C and preferably at from 0 to 20°C.

The coupling to the coupling components of formulae (14) and (15a) is carried out in a manner known *per se* at acidic or neutral to slightly alkaline pH values, for example a pH value of from 0 to 8, and at temperatures of, for example, from -5 to 40°C, preferably from 0 to 30°C.

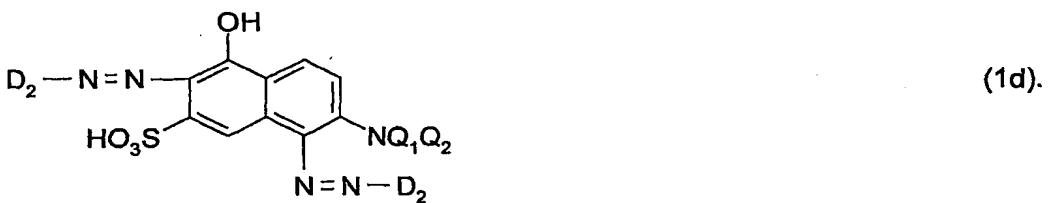
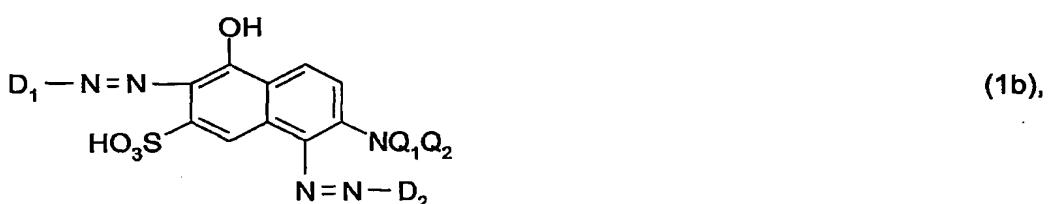
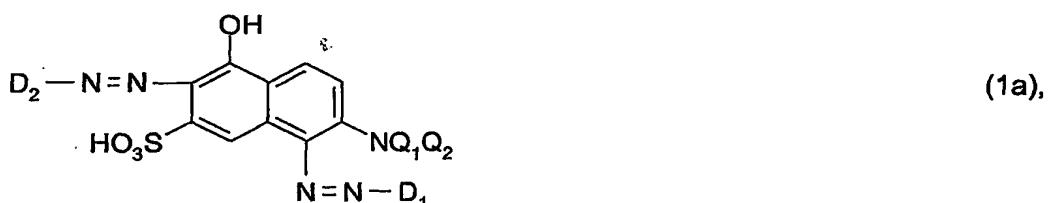
The first coupling - (i) - takes place in an acidic medium, for example at a pH of from 0 to 4, and the second coupling - (ii) - at elevated pH values, in a slightly acidic, neutral or slightly alkaline medium, for example a pH value of from 4 to 8.

By proceeding as described hereinabove but, instead of using approximately one molar equivalent each of the amines of formulae (13) and (16) in process steps (i) and (ii), using in each case approximately one molar equivalent of a mixture of at least two, preferably two, non-identical amines, for example a 1:1 molar mixture of the compounds of formulae (13) and (16), there is obtained first of all, according to (i), a mixture of compounds of formulae



- 26 -

and, on further reaction of the mixture of compounds of formulae (15a) and (15b) according to (ii), a mixture of dyes of formulae (1a), (1b), (1c) and (1d)



The present invention accordingly relates also to dye mixtures that comprise at least one dye of formulae (1a) and (1b) together with at least one dye of formulae (1c) and (1d), especially one dye each of formulae (1a), (1b), (1c) and (1d), wherein D₁, D₂, Q₁ and Q₂ each have the definitions and preferred meanings given hereinabove and D₁ and D₂ are not identical.

The ratio of the dyes of formulae (1a), (1b), (1c) and (1d) in the mixture can vary within wide limits and depends on the ratio of the particular amines D₁-NH₂ and D₂-NH₂ used according to (i) and (ii).

- 27 -

The above dye mixtures contain, for example, from 5 to 95 % by weight, especially from 10 to 90 % by weight and preferably from 20 to 80 % by weight, of a dye of formula (1a) and/or (1b), based on the total amount of the dyes of formulae (1a), (1b), (1c) and (1d) in the mixture.

Where appropriate, the end product may, in addition, be subjected to a conversion reaction. Such a conversion reaction is, for example, the conversion of the radical Y denoting $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-U}$ or another reactive group capable of conversion to a vinyl moiety into the corresponding vinyl form by treatment with dilute sodium hydroxide solution, such as, for example, the conversion of the β -sulfatoethylsulfonyl or β -chloroethylsulfonyl group into the vinylsulfonyl radical. Such reactions are known *per se*.

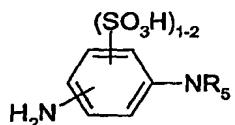
The compounds of formulae (13), (14) and (16) are known or can be obtained in a manner known *per se*.

For example, the compound of formula (16) wherein D_1 is a radical of the above formula (5) can be prepared by condensation of approximately one molar equivalent of 2,4,6-trichloro-s-triazine or 2,4,6-trifluoro-s-triazine first with approximately one molar equivalent of a compound of formula

$T_3\text{-H}$

(17),

at a pH value in the neutral range and at low temperature, for example from 0 to 5°C, and then with approximately one molar equivalent of a compound of formula



(18)

at a slightly acidic to neutral pH value, for example pH 4.5-7.5, and at a temperature of, for example, from 0 to 30°C.

Such condensation reactions are known and are described, for example, in EP-A-0 260 227 and US-A-4 841 049.

Instead of the compound of formula (17), a preliminary product, for example a diazo component or coupling component, may alternatively be used in the process, the radical T₃ being produced only in the further course of the process by a corresponding diazotisation and coupling reaction.

The reactive dyes according to the invention are either in the form of their free acids or, preferably, in the form of salts thereof. Salts that come into consideration are, for example, alkali metal, alkaline earth metal and ammonium salts, and salts of an organic amine. Sodium, lithium, potassium and ammonium salts and the salt of the mono-, di- or tri-ethanolamine may be mentioned as examples.

The reactive dyes according to the invention are suitable for dyeing and printing an extremely wide variety of materials, especially hydroxyl-group-containing or nitrogen-containing fibre materials. Examples are paper, silk, leather, wool, polyamide fibres and polyurethanes and also especially cellulosic fibre materials of all kinds. Such fibre materials are, for example, natural cellulosic fibres, such as cotton, linen and hemp, and also cellulose and regenerated cellulose. The dyes according to the invention are also suitable for dyeing or printing hydroxyl-group-containing fibres present in blend fabrics, e.g. blends of cotton with polyester fibres or polyamide fibres.

The present invention accordingly relates also to the use of the reactive dyes according to the invention in the dyeing or printing of hydroxyl-group-containing or nitrogen-containing, especially cotton-containing, fibre materials.

The reactive dyes according to the invention can be applied to the fibre material and fixed to the fibre in a variety of ways, especially in the form of aqueous dye solutions and dye print pastes. They are suitable both for the exhaust method and for dyeing in accordance with the pad-dyeing method; they can be used at low dyeing temperatures and require only short steaming times in the pad-steam process. The degrees of fixing are high and unfixed dye can be washed off easily, the difference between the degree of exhaust and the degree of fixing being remarkably small, that is to say the soaping loss being very low. The reactive

- 29 -

dyes according to the invention are also suitable for printing, especially on cotton, but are equally suitable also for printing nitrogen-containing fibres, for example wool or silk or blend fabrics that contain wool.

The dyeings and prints produced using the reactive dyes according to the invention have a high tinctorial strength and a high fibre-to-dye binding stability in both the acidic and the alkaline range, and furthermore have good fastness to light and very good wet-fastness properties, such as fastness to washing, to water, to sea water, to cross-dyeing and to perspiration. The dyeings obtained exhibit fibre levelness and surface levelness.

The present invention relates furthermore to aqueous inks that comprise a reactive dye of formula (1) wherein Q₁, Q₂, D₁ and D₂ each have the definitions and preferred meanings given hereinabove.

The dyes used in the inks should preferably have a low salt content, that is to say they should have a total content of salts of less than 0.5 % by weight, based on the weight of the dyes. Dyes that have relatively high salt contents as a result of their preparation and/or as a result of the subsequent addition of diluents can be desalted, for example, by membrane separation procedures, such as ultrafiltration, reverse osmosis or dialysis.

The inks preferably have a total content of dyes of from 1 to 35 % by weight, especially from 1 to 30 % by weight and preferably from 1 to 20 % by weight, based on the total weight of the ink. The preferred lower limit in this case is a limit of 1.5 % by weight, preferably 2 % by weight and especially 3 % by weight.

The inks may comprise water-miscible organic solvents, for example C₁-C₄alcohols, e.g. methanol, ethanol, n-propanol, isopropanol, n-butanol, sec-butanol, tert-butanol or iso-butanol; amides, e.g. dimethylformamide or dimethylacetamide; ketones or ketone alcohols, e.g. acetone, diacetone alcohol; ethers, e.g. tetrahydrofuran or dioxane; nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compounds, e.g. N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone or 1,3-dimethyl-2-imidazolidone, polyalkylene glycols, e.g. polyethylene glycol or polypropylene glycol; C₂-C₆alkylene glycols and thioglycols, e.g. ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, triethylene glycol, thiodiglycol, hexylene glycol and diethylene glycol; other polyols, e.g. glycerol or 1,2,6-hexanetriol; and C₁-C₄alkyl ethers of polyhydric alcohols, e.g. 2-methoxyethanol, 2-(2-methoxy-

- 30 -

ethoxy)ethanol, 2-(2-ethoxyethoxy)ethanol, 2-[2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy]ethanol or 2-[2-(2-ethoxyethoxy)ethoxy]ethanol; preferably N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone, diethylene glycol, glycerol or especially 1,2-propylene glycol, usually in an amount of from 2 to 30 % by weight, especially from 5 to 30 % by weight and preferably from 10 to 25 % by weight, based on the total weight of the ink.

In addition, the inks may also comprise solubilisers, e.g. ε-caprolactam.

The inks may comprise thickeners of natural or synthetic origin *inter alia* for the purpose of adjusting the viscosity.

Examples of thickeners that may be mentioned include commercially available alginate thickeners, starch ethers or locust bean flour ethers, especially sodium alginate on its own or in admixture with modified cellulose, e.g. methyl cellulose, ethyl cellulose, carboxymethyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, methyl hydroxyethyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose or hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, especially with preferably from 20 to 25 % by weight carboxymethyl cellulose. Synthetic thickeners that may be mentioned are, for example, those based on poly(meth)acrylic acids or poly(meth)acrylamides.

The inks comprise such thickeners, for example, in an amount of from 0.01 to 2 % by weight, especially from 0.01 to 1 % by weight and preferably from 0.01 to 0.5 % by weight, based on the total weight of the ink.

The inks may also comprise buffer substances, e.g. borax, borates, phosphates, polyphosphates or citrates. Examples that may be mentioned include borax, sodium borate, sodium tetraborate, sodium dihydrogen phosphate, disodium hydrogen phosphate, sodium tripolyphosphate, sodium pentapolypophosphate and sodium citrate. They are used especially in amounts of from 0.1 to 3 % by weight, preferably from 0.1 to 1 % by weight, based on the total weight of the ink, in order to establish a pH value of, for example, from 4 to 9, especially from 5 to 8.5.

As further additives, the inks may comprise surfactants or humectants.

Suitable surfactants include commercially available anionic or non-ionic surfactants. As humectants in the inks according to the invention there come into consideration, for example, urea or a mixture of sodium lactate (advantageously in the form of a 50 % to 60 % aqueous solution) and glycerol and/or propylene glycol in amounts of preferably from 0.1 to 30 % by weight, especially from 2 to 30 % by weight.

Preference is given to inks having a viscosity of from 1 to 40 mPa·s, especially from 1 to 20 mPa·s and more especially from 1 to 10 mPa·s.

Furthermore, the inks may in addition comprise customary additives, e.g. anti-foams or especially substances that inhibit fungal and/or bacterial growth. Such additives are usually used in amounts of from 0.01 to 1 % by weight, based on the total weight of the ink.

The inks can be prepared in customary manner by mixing together the individual constituents in the desired amount of water.

The inks according to the invention are suitable especially for use in recording systems of a kind in which an ink is forced out of a small aperture in the form of droplets that are directed onto a substrate on which an image is formed. Suitable substrates are, for example, paper, textile fibre materials or plastics films. Suitable recording systems are, for example commercially available ink-jet printers for use in paper or textile printing, or writing instruments, such as fountain pens or ballpoint pens, and especially inkjet printers.

Depending on the use, it may be necessary, for example, for the viscosity or other physical properties of the ink, especially properties that have an influence on the affinity for the substrate in question, to be adapted accordingly.

As examples of paper that can be printed with the inks according to the invention there may be mentioned commercially available ink-jet paper, photo paper, glossy paper, plastics-coated paper, e.g. Epson Ink-jet Paper, Epson Photo Paper, Epson Glossy Paper, Epson Glossy Film, HP Special Ink-jet Paper, Encad Photo Gloss Paper and Ilford Photo Paper. Plastics films that can be printed with the inks according to the invention are, for example, transparent or cloudy/opaque. Suitable plastics films are, for example, 3M Transparency Film.

As textile fibre materials there come into consideration, for example, nitrogen-containing or hydroxy-group-containing fibre materials, for example textile fibre materials of cellulose, silk, wool or synthetic polyamides, preferably cellulose.

The present invention accordingly relates also to a method of printing textile fibre materials, paper or plastics films, preferably textile fibre materials or paper, and especially textile fibre materials, according to the ink-jet printing method, which comprises using an aqueous ink that comprises a reactive dye of formula (1) wherein Q₁, Q₂, D₁ and D₂ each have the definitions and preferred meanings given hereinabove.

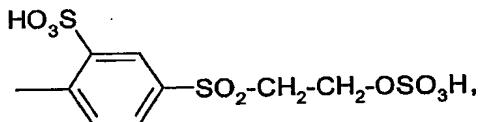
In the case of the ink-jet printing method, individual droplets of ink are sprayed onto a substrate from a nozzle in a controlled manner. It is mainly the continuous ink-jet method and the drop-on-demand method that are used for that purpose. In the case of the continuous ink-jet method, the droplets are produced continuously, droplets not required for the printing operation being discharged into a receptacle and recycled. In the case of the drop-on-demand method, on the other hand, droplets are generated as desired and used for printing; that is to say, droplets are generated only when required for the printing operation. The production of the droplets can be effected, for example, by means of a piezo ink-jet head or by thermal energy (bubble jet). For the process according to the invention, printing by means of a piezo ink-jet head is preferred, but preference is given also to printing according to the continuous ink-jet method.

The recordings, for example prints, produced are distinguished especially by a high tinctorial strength and a high colour brilliancy as well as by good light-fastness and wet-fastness properties.

The following Examples serve to illustrate the invention. Unless otherwise indicated, the temperatures are given in degrees Celsius, parts are parts by weight and percentages relate to % by weight. Parts by weight relate to parts by volume in a ratio of kilograms to litres.

Example 1: 32.5 parts of an amine of formula D₁₀-NH₂, wherein D₁₀ is a radical of formula

- 33 -



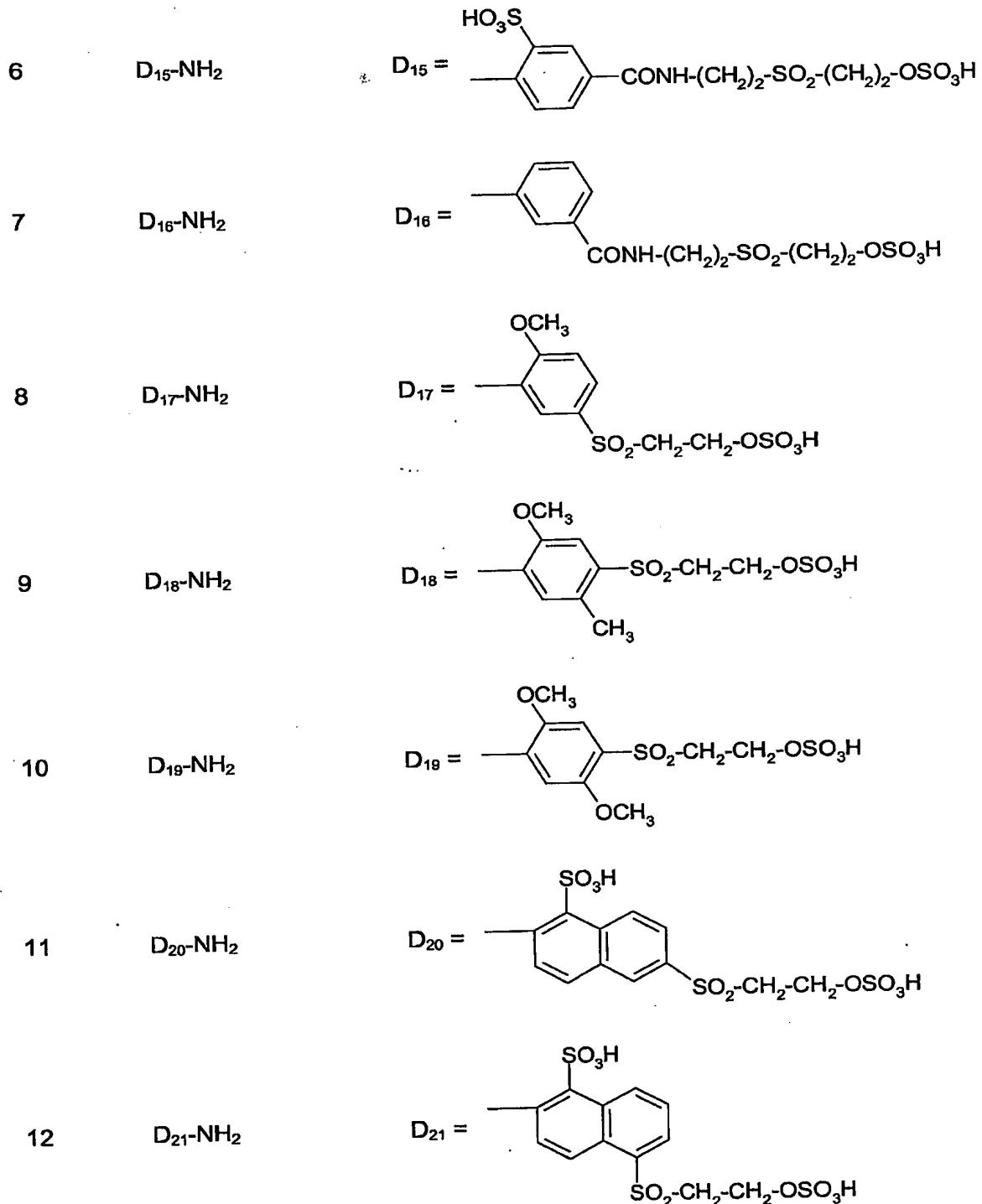
are introduced into 100 parts of water and stirred well. At 10°C, there are added to the resulting suspension first of all 22.8 parts of a 4N sodium nitrite solution and then 41 parts of a 31 % naphthalenesulfonic acid solution. Stirring is then carried out for 3 hours at from 15 to 20°C.

Examples 2 to 19: The diazo compounds of the amines indicated in Table 1 can be prepared analogously to the procedure described in Example 1 by using, instead of the amine of formula D₁₀-NH₂ mentioned in Example 1, an equimolar amount of the amines of formula D_{xy}-NH₂ indicated in Table 1.

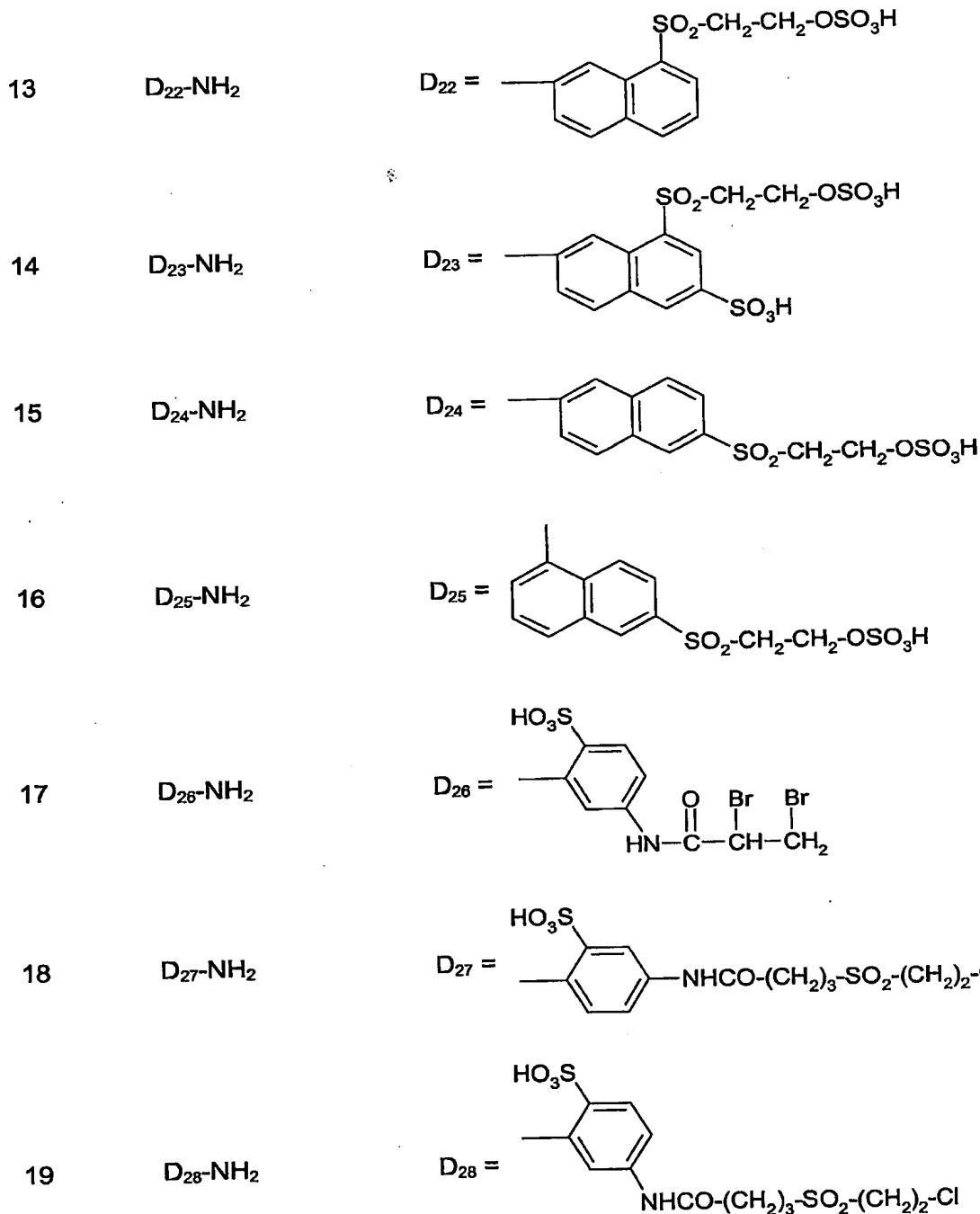
Table 1:

Ex.	Amine D _{xy} -NH ₂	D _{xy}
2	D ₁₁ -NH ₂	D ₁₁ =
3	D ₁₂ -NH ₂	D ₁₂ =
4	D ₁₃ -NH ₂	D ₁₃ =
5	D ₁₄ -NH ₂	D ₁₄ =

- 34 -



- 35 -

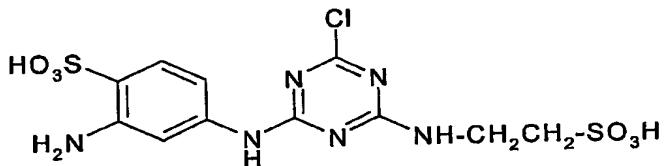


Example 20:

- a) 36.9 parts of cyanuric chloride are stirred in 150 parts of ice/water and a small amount of wetting agent. At from 0 to 2°C, a solution of 25.25 parts of taurine in 50 parts of water is introduced in the course of 40 minutes and condensation is carried out at a pH of from 7 to 8

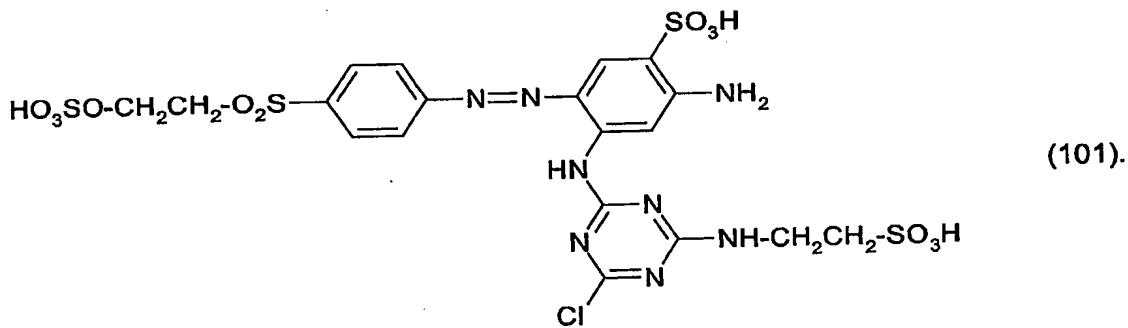
- 36 -

by the dropwise addition of 2N sodium hydroxide solution. Stirring is then carried out at from 0 to 5°C and a pH of from 7 to 7.5 until cyanuric chloride can no longer be detected. A neutral solution of 39.48 parts of 1,3-phenylenediamine-4-sulfonic acid in 100 parts of water is then added. Condensation is carried out at a temperature of from 5 to 20°C and the pH is maintained at from 8 to 9 by the addition of 2N sodium hydroxide solution. When condensation is complete, the reaction solution is salted out using KCl, filtered and washed with concentrated KCl solution. After drying, the intermediate of formula



is obtained.

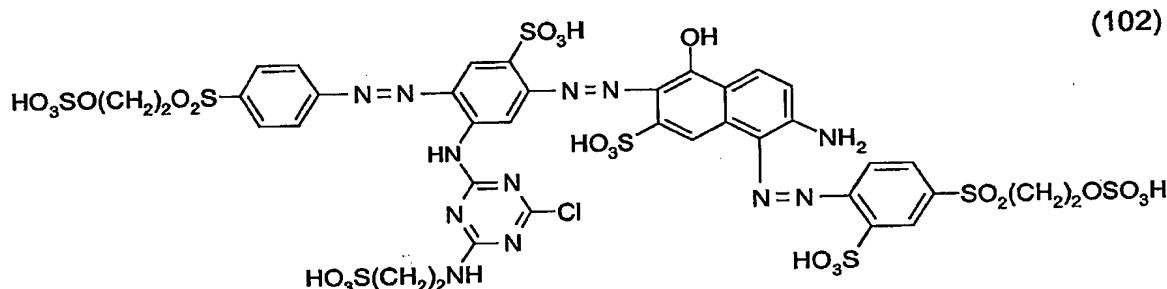
b) 68 parts of the compound according to a) are suspended in 300 parts of water. The diazotized amine from Example 3, which is prepared according to Example 1 from 45 parts of the amine of formula D₁₂-NH₂, is then added in the course of 10 minutes at from 0 to 5°C, and the pH is maintained at from 6 to 8.5 using soda solution (20 %). When coupling is complete, the yellow dye is precipitated using KCl, and the suspension obtained is filtered and dried *in vacuo*, yielding the monoazo compound of formula



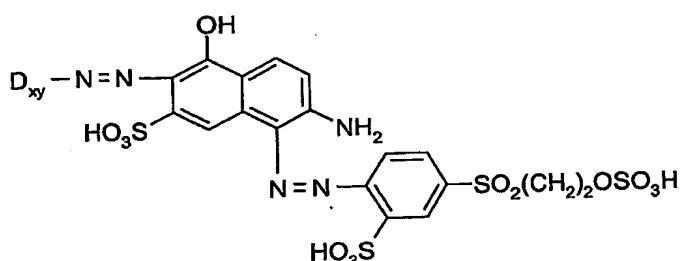
c) 83 parts of the compound according to Example b) are dissolved in 700 parts of water and diazotized according to the customary method with sodium nitrite and HCl at from 0 to 5°C.

Example 21:

A solution of 21.5 parts of 2-amino-5-naphthol-7-sulfonic acid in 250 parts of water (pH 7) is added dropwise at from 0 to 5°C to the acid suspension of the diazo compound of the amine of formula D₁₀-NH₂ obtained according to Example 1. The mixture is then heated to room temperature and stirred for approximately 5 h until coupling is complete (first coupling). The reaction mixture is then cooled to from 5 to 10°C, the pH value is increased to approximately 4.5 using an aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate solution, and the suspension of the diazo compound obtained according to Example 20c) is slowly added dropwise, the pH value being maintained during the dropwise addition at approximately 4.5 by the addition of an aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate solution and the temperature being maintained at approximately 5°C. After the dropwise addition, the pH value is adjusted to 6 (second coupling). When coupling is complete, the dye solution is freed of salt by dialysis and concentrated by evaporation *in vacuo*. A compound is obtained which in the form of the free acid corresponds to formula



(λ_{max}: 550 nm), which dyes wool and cellulose in a bluish violet shade having good allround fastness properties.

Examples 22 to 39v: A compound of the general formula

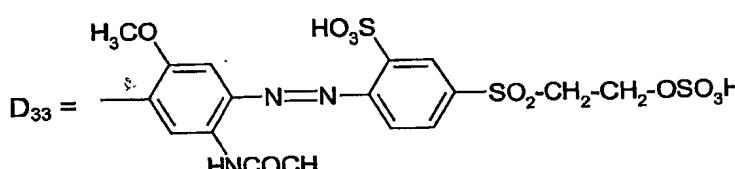
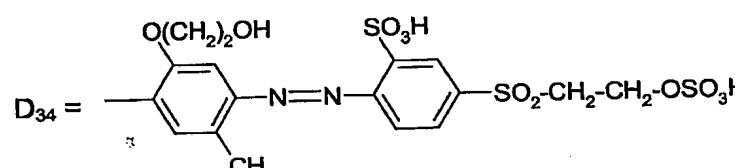
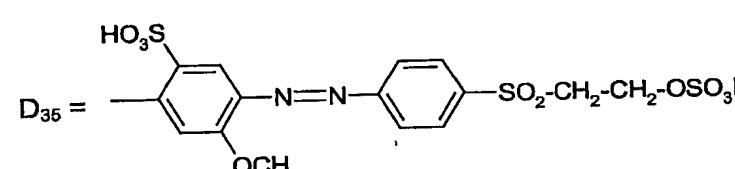
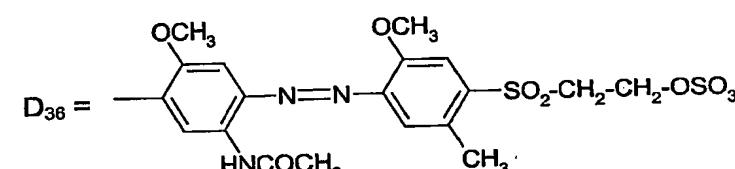
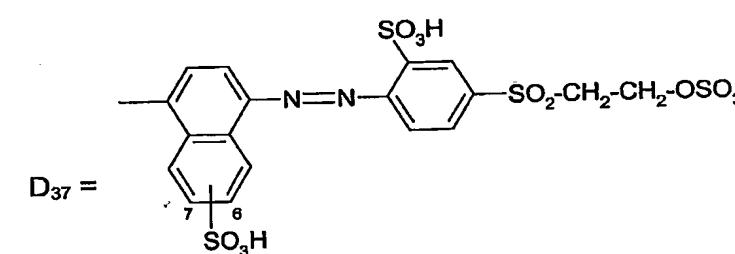
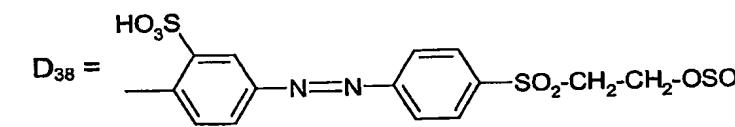
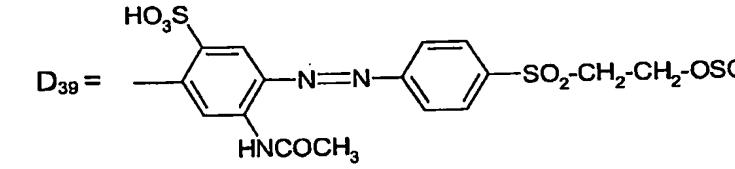
- 38 -

can be prepared analogously to the procedure described in Example 21 by using, instead of the amine of formula (101), an equimolar amount of one of the amines of formula $D_{xy}-NH_2$ indicated in Table 2. The dyes dye wool and cellulose in orange to blue shades having good allround fastness properties.

Table 2:

Ex.	Amine $D_{xy}-NH_2$	D_{xy}	λ_{max} [nm]
22	$D_{29}-NH_2$	$D_{29} =$ 	550
23	$D_{30}-NH_2$	$D_{30} =$ 	536
24	$D_{31}-NH_2$	$D_{31} =$ 	570
25	$D_{32}-NH_2$	$D_{32} =$ 	583

- 39 -

26	D ₃₃ -NH ₂	D ₃₃ = 	572
27	D ₃₄ -NH ₂	D ₃₄ = 	570
28	D ₃₅ -NH ₂	D ₃₅ = 	536
29	D ₃₆ -NH ₂	D ₃₆ = 	570
30	D ₃₇ -NH ₂	D ₃₇ = 	574
31	D ₃₈ -NH ₂	D ₃₈ = 	535
32	D ₃₉ -NH ₂	D ₃₉ = 	541

- 40 -

33	D ₄₀ -NH ₂	D ₄₀ =	540
34	D ₄₁ -NH ₂	D ₄₁ =	543
35	D ₄₂ -NH ₂	D ₄₂ =	538
36	D _{43a} -NH ₂ – D _{43g} -NH ₂	D _{43a} -D _{43g} =	
	T ₃ :	<hr/>	
36a	D _{43a} -NH ₂	D _{43a} =	501
36b	D _{43b} -NH ₂	D _{43b} =	488

- 41 -

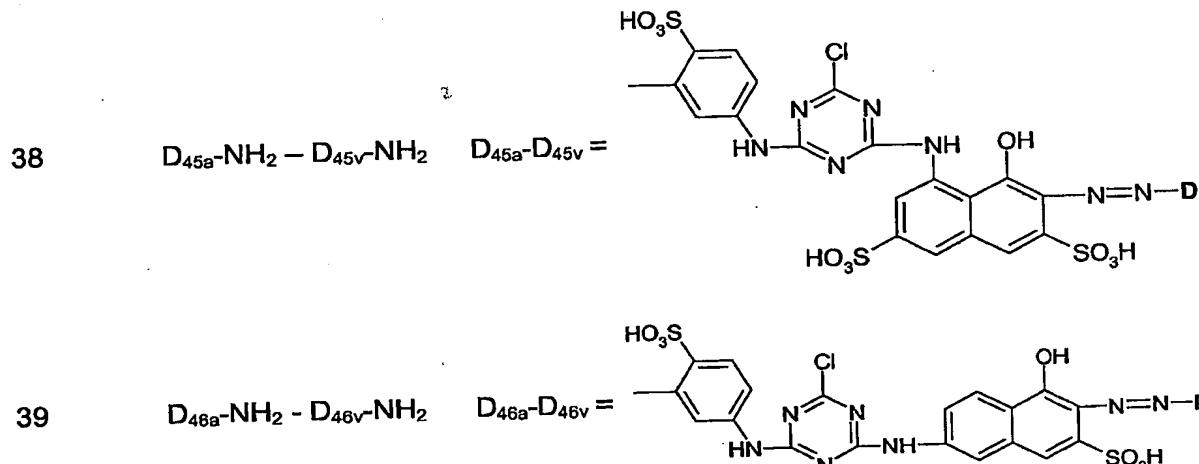
36c	D _{43c} -NH ₂	D _{43c}		486
36d	D _{43d} -NH ₂	D _{43d}		505
36e	D _{43e} -NH ₂	D _{43e}		516
36f	D _{43f} -NH ₂	D _{43f}		520
36g	D _{43g} -NH ₂	D _{43g}		520
37	D _{44a} -NH ₂ – D _{44g} -NH ₂	D _{44a} -D _{44g} =		

T₃:

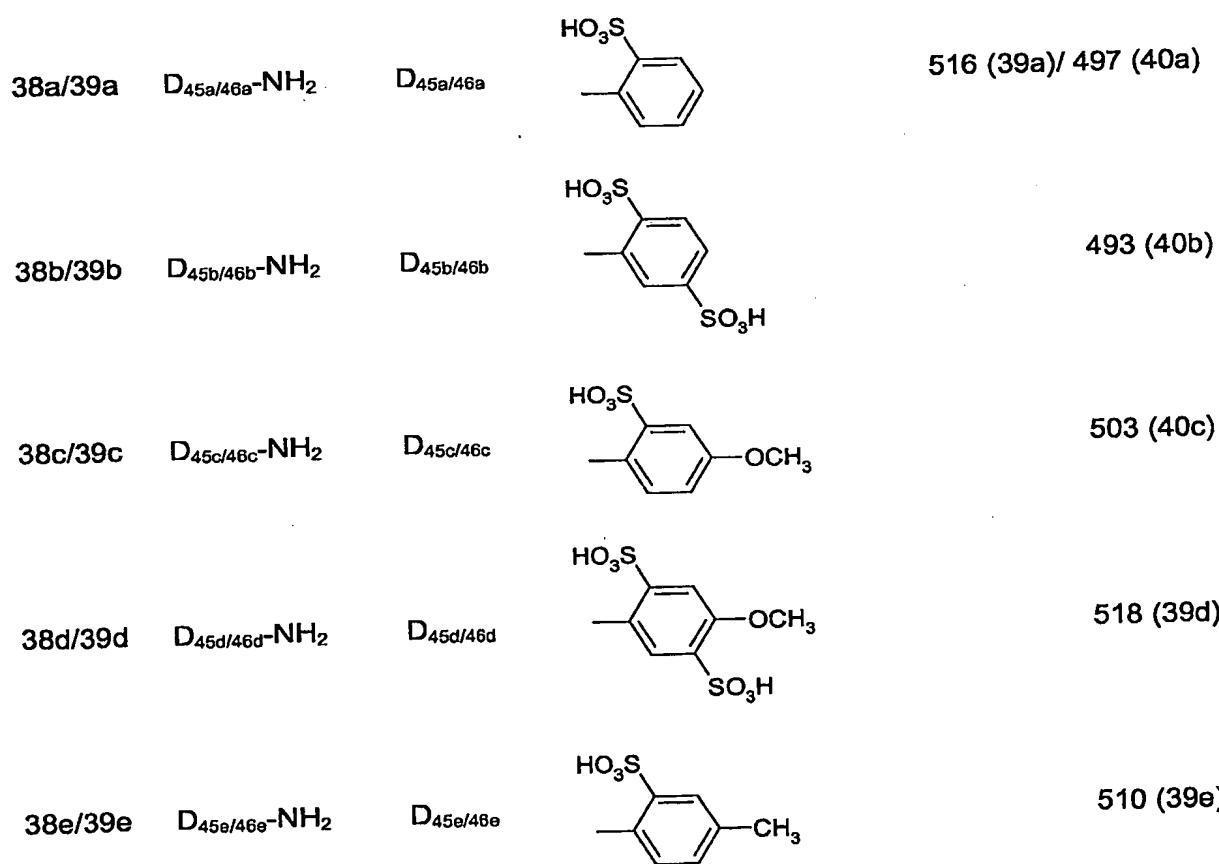
- 42 -

37a	D _{44a} -NH ₂	D _{44a}		495
37b	D _{44b} -NH ₂	D _{44b}		489
37c	D _{44c} -NH ₂	D _{44c}		487
37d	D _{44d} -NH ₂	D _{44d}		497
37e	D _{44e} -NH ₂	D _{44e}		514
37f	D _{44f} -NH ₂	D _{44f}		513
37g	D _{44g} -NH ₂	D _{44g}		514

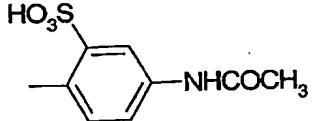
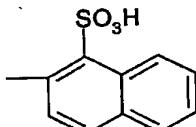
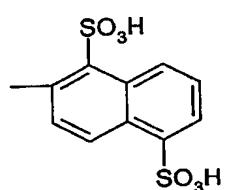
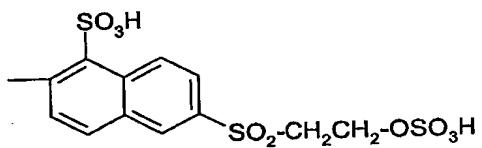
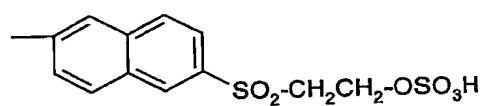
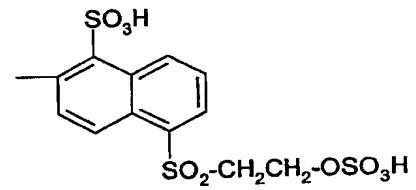
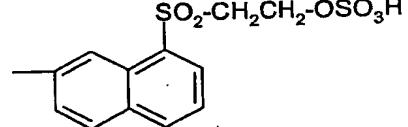
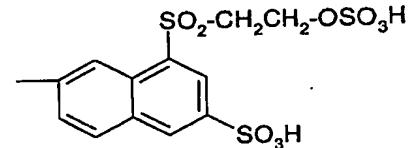
- 43 -



D:



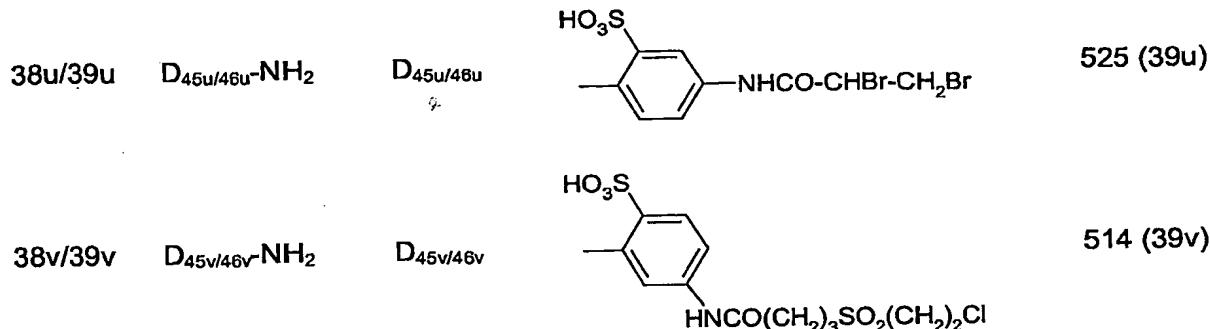
- 44 -

38f/39f	D _{45f/46f} -NH ₂	D _{45f/46f}		524 (39f)
38g/39g	D _{45g/46g} -NH ₂	D _{45g/46g}		520 (39g)
38h/39h	D _{45h/46h} -NH ₂	D _{45h/46h}		518 (39h)
38i/39i	D _{45i/46i} -NH ₂	D _{45i/46i}		520 (39i)
38j/39j	D _{45j/46j} -NH ₂	D _{45j/46j}		528 (39j)
38k/39k	D _{45k/46k} -NH ₂	D _{45k/46k}		518 (39k)
38l/39l	D _{45l/46l} -NH ₂	D _{45l/46l}		522 (39l)
38m/39m	D _{45m/45m} -NH ₂	D _{45m/46m}		520 (39m)

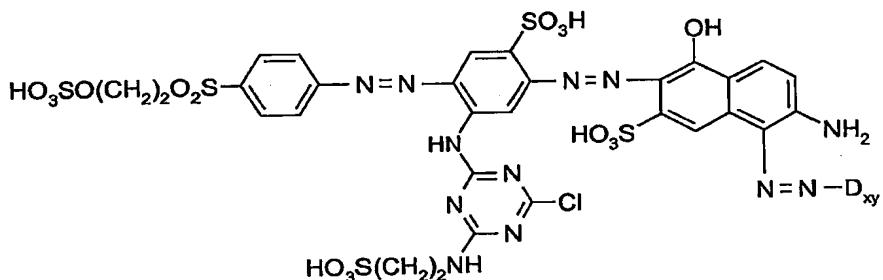
- 45 -

38n/39n	D _{45n/46n} -NH ₂	D _{45n/46n}		510 (39n)
38o/39o	D _{45o/46o} -NH ₂	D _{45o/46o}		508 (39o)
38p/39p	D _{45p/46p} -NH ₂	D _{45p/46p}		512 (39p)
38q/39q	D _{45q/46q} -NH ₂	D _{45q/46q}		525 (39q)
38r/39r	D _{45r/46r} -NH ₂	D _{45r/46r}		520 (39r)
38s/39s	D _{45s/46s} -NH ₂	D _{45s/46s}		519 (39s)
38t/39t	D _{45t/46t} -NH ₂	D _{45t/46t}		508 (39t)

- 46 -



Examples 40 to 57: By proceeding as described in Example 21 but, instead of using the acid suspension of the diazo compound of the amine of formula D₁₀-NH₂, using an equimolar amount of the diazo compound of an amine of formula D_{xy}-NH₂, a dye of formula



is obtained wherein D_{xy} corresponds to one of the radicals listed in Table 3, the definitions given in Table 1 applying to that radical. The dyes dye wool and cellulose in bluish violet shades having good allround fastness properties.

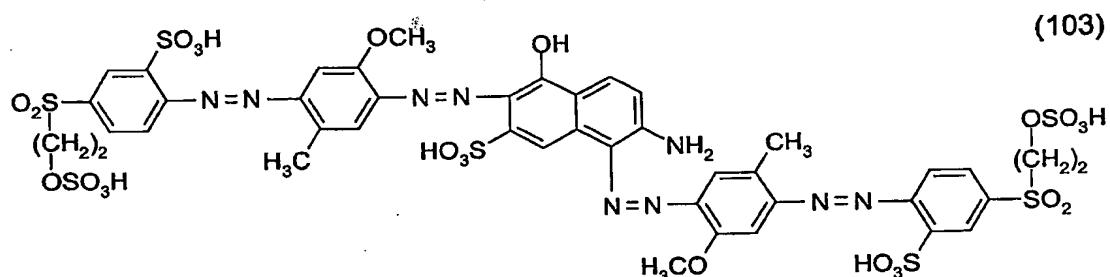
Table 3:

Ex.	D _{xy}	Ex.	D _{xy}	Ex.	D _{xy}
40	D ₁₁	46	D ₁₇	52	D ₂₃
41	D ₁₂	47	D ₁₈	53	D ₂₄
42	D ₁₃	48	D ₁₉	54	D ₂₅
43	D ₁₄	49	D ₂₀	55	D ₂₆
44	D ₁₅	50	D ₂₁	56	D ₂₇
45	D ₁₆	51	D ₂₂	57	D ₂₈

- 47 -

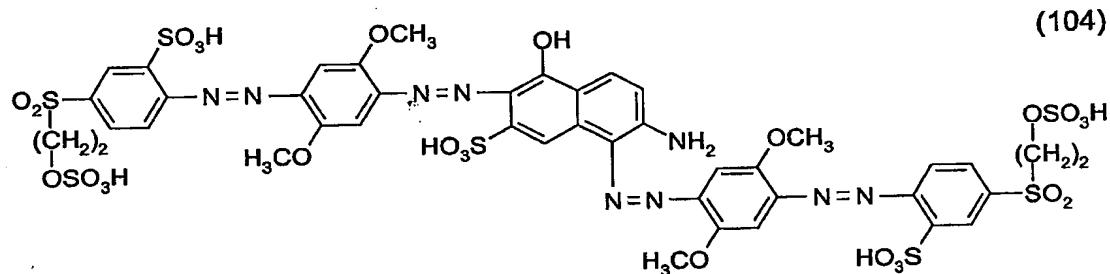
Examples 58 to 62: The compounds of the following formulae can be prepared analogously to the procedure described in Example 21

58



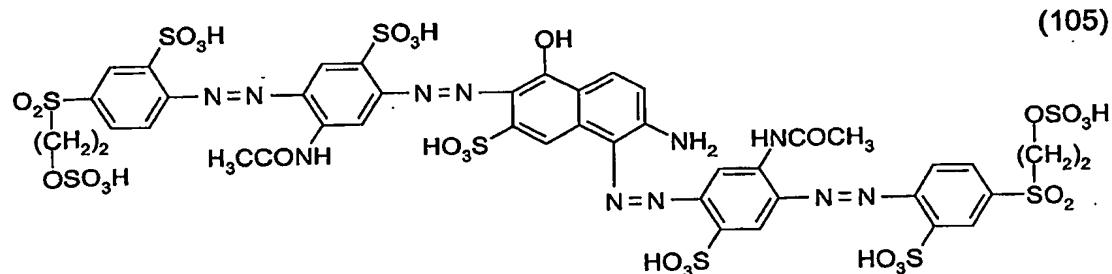
(λ_{\max} : 588 nm)

59



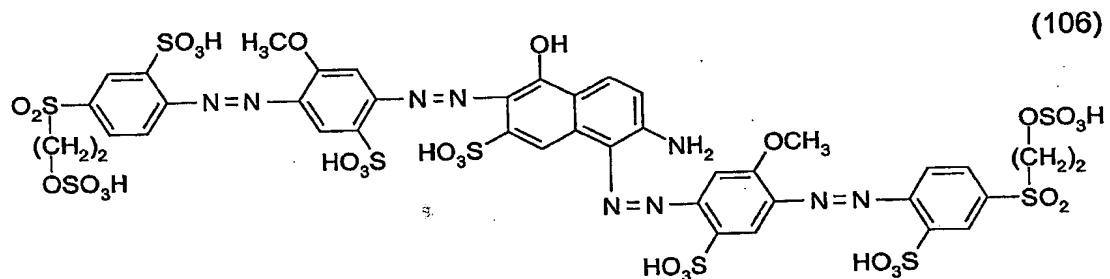
(λ_{\max} : 604 nm)

60



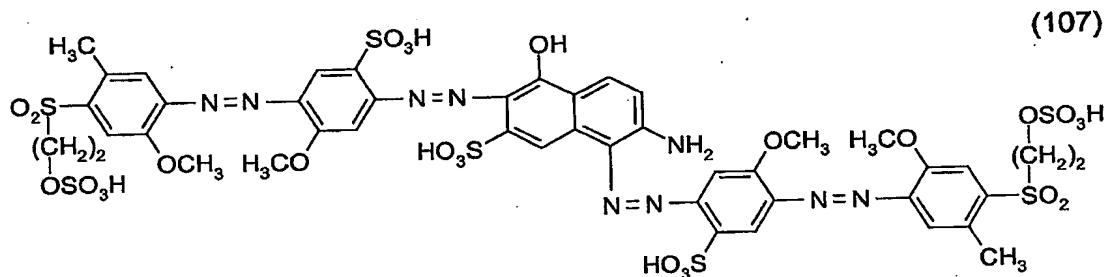
(λ_{\max} : 554 nm)

61

 $(\lambda_{\max}: 555 \text{ nm})$

and

62



which dye wool and cellulose in violet to dark-blue shades having good allround fastness properties.

Dyeing procedure I

100 parts of cotton fabric are introduced at 60°C into 1500 parts of a dye bath containing 45 g/l of sodium chloride and 2 parts of the reactive dye obtained according to Example 21. After 45 minutes at 60°C, 20 g/l of calcined soda are added. Dyeing is continued for a further 45 minutes at that temperature. The dyed goods are then rinsed, soaped at the boil for a quarter of an hour with a non-ionic detergent, rinsed again and dried.

As an alternative to the above procedure, the dyeing can be carried out at 80°C instead of at 60°C.

Dyeing procedure II

0.1 part of the dye according to Example 21 is dissolved in 200 parts of water, and 0.5 part of sodium sulfate, 0.1 part of a levelling agent (based on the condensation product of a higher

aliphatic amine and ethylene oxide) and also 0.5 part of sodium acetate are added. The pH is then adjusted to a value of 5.5 using acetic acid (80 %). The dye bath is heated at 50°C for 10 minutes and then 10 parts of a woollen fabric are added. Heating is then carried out in the course of approximately 50 minutes to a temperature of 100°C and dyeing is carried out at that temperature for 60 minutes, after which the dye bath is allowed to cool and the dyed goods are removed. The woollen fabric is washed with hot and cold water, and is then spun and dried.

Printing procedure I

3 parts of the dye obtained according to Example 21 are sprinkled, with rapid stirring, into 100 parts of a stock thickener containing 50 parts of 5 % sodium alginate thickener, 27.8 parts of water, 20 parts of urea, 1 part of sodium m-nitrobenzenesulfonate and 1.2 parts of sodium hydrogen carbonate. The print paste so obtained is used to print a cotton fabric, and the resulting printed material is dried and steamed in saturated steam for 2 minutes at 102°C. The printed fabric is then rinsed, if desired soaped at the boil and rinsed again, and subsequently dried.

Printing procedure II

- (a) Mercerised cotton satin is pad-dyed with a liquor containing 30 g/l of sodium carbonate and 50 g/l of urea (70 % liquor pick-up) and dried.
- (b) Using a drop-on-demand inkjet head (bubble jet), the cotton satin pretreated according to Step (a) is printed with an aqueous ink containing
 - 10 % by weight of the reactive dye according to Example 21,
 - 20 % by weight of 1,2-propylene glycol and
 - 70 % by weight of water.

The print is dried completely and fixed in saturated steam for 8 minutes at 102°C, cold-rinsed, washed off at the boil, rinsed again and dried.